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Thirty-Second

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For the Year 1912-13

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"For the love of Christ
and in His Name,
All things whatsoever ye would
that men should do to you,
do ye even so to them."

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DATE	PLACE	PRESIDENT ELECTED	RECEIPTS
1882....	Cincinnati, O.....	Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes.....	$17,875 60
1883....	Cincinnati, O.....	Mrs. John Davis, V-P.....	17,039 83
1884....	Cleveland, O.....	Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes.....	35,035 41
1885....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes.....	45,582 04
1886....	Detroit, Mich.....	Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes.....	51,993 86
1887....	Syracuse, N. Y.....	Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes.....	72,400 13
1888....	Boston, Mass.....	Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes.....	114,942 01
1889....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	Mrs. John Davis.....	147,037 07
1890....	Buffalo, N. Y.....	Mrs. John Davis.....	154,094 34
1891....	Washington, D. C.....	Mrs. John Davis.....	149,645 49
1892....	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	Mrs. John Davis.....	146,300 16
1893....	Toledo, O.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	125,791 63
1894....	Williamsport, Pa.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	145,781 33
1895....	Columbus, O.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	140,151 34
1896....	Springfield, Ill.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	132,897 15
1897....	Baltimore, Md.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	135,163 85
1898....	Minneapolis, Minn.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	278,582 84
1899....	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	336,412 91
1900....	Chicago, Ill.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	341,581 24
1901....	New York, N. Y.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	458,335 51
1902....	Kansas City, Mo.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	341,243 26
1903....	Chattanooga, Tenn.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	394,315 71
1904....	Denver, Col.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	490,533 03
1905....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	621,674 54
1906....	Lincoln, Neb.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	465,877 02
1907....	Brookline, Mass.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	434,737 60
1908....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	Mrs. George O. Robinson.....	485,511 49
1909....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	Mrs. George O. Robinson.....	612,445 17
1910....	Buffalo, N. Y.....	Mrs. George O. Robinson.....	704,039 12
1911....	Wichita, Kan.....	Mrs. George O. Robinson.....	743,519 02
1912....	Des Moines, Ia.....	Mrs. George O. Robinson.....	810,778 34
1913....	Washington, D. C.....	Mrs. George O. Robinson.....	901,622 40

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Miss Bertha E. Deen	" "
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Miss Ethel M. Kirkwood	" "
Miss Ada J. Breakenridge	" "
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Miss Margaret Fries	" "
Miss Hazel V. Morehouse	" "
Miss May Reed	" "
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Miss Aiken	" "
Miss Enola C. Sherwood	" "
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Miss Ella M. Hayward	" "
Miss Emily M. Fox	" "
Mrs. Alice C. Drake	" "
Miss Grace M. Dawson	" "
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Miss Ruby J. Santee	" "
Miss Martha F. Neese	" "
Miss Grace M. Jerauld	" "
Miss Ercelia C. Yates	" "
Miss Lellen Greenhalgh	" "
Miss Maria Douhan	" "
Miss Mary M. Miller	" "
Miss Zella Florence Linn	" "
Miss Lillian E. Reed	" "
Miss Amanda Ford	" "
Miss Frances Linning	" "

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Miss Grace Heffley	" "
Miss Emma F. Eyler	" "
Miss Annie E. Stewart	" "
Miss Jean V. Lowry	" "
Miss Floy P. Cameron	" "
Miss Ella M. Fieger	" "
Miss Alice M. Fulton	" "
Miss Augusta Vetesk	" "
Miss Mary Collins	" "
Miss Mary Leedham	" "
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Miss Gladys Scribner	" "
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Miss Louise Perry	" "
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Miss Dora Rerick	" "
Miss Mae Smith	" "
Miss Alice I. Bielski	" "
Miss Ida Pierce	" "
Miss Edith Porter	" "
Miss Flora E. Taylor	" "
Miss Freda Schmickle	" "
Miss Sarah Williams	" "
Miss Anna Otheim	" "
Miss Lula Yates	" "
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Miss Verta M. Naylor	" "
Miss Jessie Williams	" "
Miss Mary Lee Winget	" "
Miss Orpha Moffet	" "
Miss Alice Estella Fassett	" "
Miss Cedora E. Cheney	" "
Miss Vera Herring	" "
Miss Clara Baxter	" "
Miss Marie Jact	" "
Rev. Xenophon M. Fowler, Superintendent	Urbana, Ill., Cunningham Children's Home.
Mrs. Xenophon M. Fowler, Asst. Supt	" "
Miss Amelia Dettman	" "
Miss E. May Comfort	" "
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Miss Alice Kinney	" "
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Miss Charlotte Webb	" "
Mrs. Bessie Brubaker	" "
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Miss Sara Lena Walker	" "
Miss Martha K. Little	" "
Miss Maxie M. Pendleton	" "
Miss Ora May Hodges	" "
Miss Ruth C. Hewitt	" "
Miss Minnie M. Leebrick	" "
Miss Lucy R. Howard	" "
Miss Lennie Pauline Cook	" "
Miss Olive Fuller	" "
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Miss Charlotte Arnold	" "
Miss Emma E. Kelley	" "
Miss Lula Rose Morse	" "
Miss Sarah Ellen Mardorff, Superintendent	Harrisburg, Pa., Harrisburg Deaconess Home, 402 S. Second Street.

Miss Hattie E. Davis, Superintendent	Camden, N. J., New Jersey Conference Home.
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Miss Anna Morris	" "
Miss Josie Ragle	" "
Miss Irene Duncan	" "
Miss Sadie Osborne	" "
Miss Blanche Brackney	" "
Miss Stella Corbin, Superintendent	Albuquerque, N. M., Harwood Methodist Deaconess Home.
Miss Elva Wade, Superintendent	Rapid City, S. D., Methodist Deaconess Hospital.
Miss Inez M. Switzer (Missionary Nurse)	
Miss Mary A. Robbins, Supt. (Miss'y Nurse)	Litchfield, Ill., Holden Memorial Hospital.
Miss Sara Catherine Bellman (Miss'y Nurse)	" "
Mrs. Emma Taylor (Missionary Nurse)	" "
Miss Bechtel, Superintendent	Springfield, Mo., Ellen A. Burge Deaconess Hospital, 1327 Jefferson Street.
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Miss Ethel Adkins	
Miss Elizabeth Curry	" "
Miss Aletta M. Garretson	" "
Miss Bertha Cowles	" "
Miss Minnie Pike	" "
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Miss Eunice Britt	" "
Miss Nettie Harris	" "
Miss Mary F. Smith	" "
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Miss Jennie Farnham	" "
Miss Ecka Hewitt	" "
Miss Charlotte Jones	" "
Miss Katherine Maurer	" "
Miss Leona Osterhaut	" "
Mrs. Helen R. Peck	" "
Miss Bessie Way	" "
Miss Essie Jebb	" "
Miss Emma Lane	" "
Miss Kathleen Weybrew	" "
Miss Rebecca Weigle	" "
Miss Ada Richardson	" "
Miss Georgina Welker	" "
Miss Alice Dangerfield	" "
Miss Lucy Reas	" "
Mrs. Mary Widaman	" "
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Miss Minna Frickey	
Miss Mary E. Peck	
Miss Mary E. Herrold	" "
Miss Kate J. Quarry, Superintendent	Ocean Grove, N. J., Bancroft Rest Home, 74 Cookman Avenue.
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Mrs. Jennie Winston, Chairman	Oakland, Cal., Beulah Heights Rest Home, 4690 Tompkins Avenue.

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Miss Blanche Kinison	Care of Independence Avenue M. E. Church, Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Sarah Church	Care of Grand Avenue M. E. Church, Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Donna E. Cooley	Matron, Methodist Episcopal Home for the Aged, Topeka, Kan.
Miss Frances Platt	202 S. Oxford St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mrs. Rebecca Willetts	163 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Miss Susette Blackman	238 President St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mrs. Carrie E. Reynolds	70 Race St., Bristol, Conn.
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Miss Bena Alberta Anderson	416 N. Eighth St., Fredonia, Kan.
Miss Beulah Rayson	Hamilton, Kan.
Miss Sylvia M. Laurence	Hurley, Wis.
Miss Bertha E. Griffiths	Valley Falls, Kan.

Miss Elizabeth Larish	Oak and Third Sts., Mount Carmel, Pa.
Miss Nina McCosh	Manhattan, Kan.
Miss Rosa Simpson	Marshall, Tex.
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Miss Sarah P. Taylor	800 N. Eighth St., Independence, Kan.
Mrs. C. A. Converse	1804 S. State St., Syracuse, N. Y.
Miss Mary J. Ryan	Care of Nurses' Home of Ensworth Hospital, St. Joseph, Mo.
Miss Martha Joiner	Care of Union Memorial M. E. Church, St. Louis, Mo.
Miss Addie E. Benedict	Salina, Kan.
Miss Blanche F. Yoxall	Stockton, Kan.
Miss Mame Jericho	509 Second Ave., Washington, Ia.
Miss Kathryn Minnich	506 Broadway, Waterloo, Ia.
Miss Elizabeth Hartman	Cozad, Neb.
Miss Ruby Davis	Belleville, Kan.
Miss Agnes Gerken	Grand Island, Neb.
Miss Mildred Glaze	Grand Island, Neb.
Miss Julia Sladek	Crete, Neb.
Miss Daisy Stewart	Care of Nurses' Home of Ensworth Hospital, St. Joseph, Mo.
Miss Lucy Howard	Wellington, Kan.
Miss Jane L. Barrows	Maryville, Mo.
Miss Anna Corneliussen	Alta, Ia.

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Miss Kristene Petersen (Retired)	1301 Madison Ave., Baltimore, Md.
Miss Phena Avery	416 Elmer St., Biloxi, Miss.
Miss Milta E. Vorpe	Marion, Ind.
Miss Maude E. Greenought	3 Columbia Place, Albany, N. Y.
Miss Ella M. Orme	Warrensburg, Mo.
Miss Martha Tomkinson	Harrisburg, Pa.
Miss Ellen Tomkinson	Harrisburg, Pa.
Miss Katherine Wheatley	Carmen, Okla.
Dr. Nellie M. Cramer	Sinuk Mission, Nome, Alaska.
Miss Anna Bassett (Retired)	Circleville, O.
Miss Mary E. Carpenter	
Miss Ida J. Mitchell	
Miss Mae Strickler	Marshalltown, Ia.
Miss Alice Williams	Everest, Ia.
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Miss Stella L. Shriner	Congress Heights, D. C.
Miss Effie Blood	Everest, Ia.
Miss Anna Schmidt	1155 W. Ninth St., Des Moines, Ia.
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Miss Mary Crawford	312 E. 11th Ave., Eugene, Ore.
Miss Flora Jacobs	1834 W. Adams Ave., Phoenix, Ariz.
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Miss Elizabeth Morton	2204 Rivermont Ave., Lynchburg, Va.
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Mrs. Alice C. Curtis	Deposit, N. Y.
Miss Pearl McPherson	Care of Harwood Hospital, Box 468, Albuquerque, N. M.
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Miss Emma Wenger	Dennison, O., R. F. D.
Miss Annie Lee Price	Cedartown, Ga.
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Miss Elizabeth Hondrick	3031 Walnut St., Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Daisy Whipple	212 Lewis St., Pendleton, Ore.
Miss Rosa Simpson	Marshall, Tex.
Miss Martha Joiner	Care of Union Memorial M. E. Church, St. Louis, Mo.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Thirty-Second Annual Meeting

HELD IN

FOUNDRY CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D. C.,

OCTOBER 15-22, 1913.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

THE Thirty-second Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Foundry Church, Washington, D. C., October 15, 1913.

The President, Mrs. George O. Robinson, of Detroit, Mich., took the chair, and the Convention joined in the singing of "America."

A portion of Scripture was read by Rev. H. S. France, D. D., President of the Board of Directors of the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School, and prayer was offered by Rev. W. F. McDowell, Superintendent of Washington District.

The President congratulated the Convention on the fact that the larger service and income of recent years had brought the Society to the fourth in rank of the organization of our Church. She also reminded the delegates that they were here, each one, as a representative of a thousand members not so privileged. She cordially invited the pastors of the city to be present and commend what they found to approve, and advise where they deemed that advice could be helpful. Through the many years of her connection with the Society she had often marveled at the spirit of peace and harmony that had pervaded our meetings, but had come to attribute this to the acceptance of the word that "it is not by might nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

Mrs. F. A. Aiken, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Recording Secretary, organized the Convention.

The following ladies were nominated by Mrs. Aiken as Assistant Secretaries: Mrs. E. L. Albright, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. B. S. Potter, Evans-

ton, Ill.; Mrs. D. D. Thompson, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. James E. Gilbert, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Susie Aiken Winold, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Winold, being called to this service for the first time, was introduced by the President as the worthy daughter of a worthy mother, and responded to the greeting with a brief "I thank you."

A telegram from the North Dakota Conference, with the wish that the "Great Head of the Church" might be glorified in the Convention. was read by Mrs. Aiken, and instruction given her to make suitable reply.

Ladies C. W. Bickley, J. S. Turner, A. H. Welband, and F. A. Aiken were confirmed as the Committee on By-laws and Constitutional changes.

On motion of Mrs. I. D. Jones, the program as prepared by the Program Committee was adopted as the official program of the Convention.

The following Committees were constituted:

Courtesies.—Mesdames James E. Gilbert, W. R. Wedderspoon, E. S. Wiscott, W. P. Hepburn, C. W. Brown, B. S. Haywood, and Miss Elizabeth Pierce.

Enrollment and Credentials.—Mesdames Mary C. Keiser, K. S. Burnett, and Miss Mabel Haywood.

Church Press.—Miss Martha Van Marter.

Pulpit Supply.—Mrs. Clara L. Roach.

Resolutions.—Mrs. James E. Gilbert, Mrs. Seymour Eaton, Mrs. Wesley B. Stout, Mrs. H. S. Hollingsworth, Mrs. George Searle, Mrs. X. M. Fowler, Mrs. E. R. Willis.

Place of Meeting.—Mrs. A. B. Cline, Mrs. D. M. Bailey, Mrs. M. W. Reece, Mrs. O. T. Dwinell, Mrs. C. A. Soper, Mrs. E. M. Mills, Mrs. D. B. Brummitt.

Mrs. Ward Platt, Associate Editor, with Mrs. Levi Gilbert and Mrs. Laura B. Ennis, voiced the purpose and hope of the editorial corps to furnish a better paper than any that had preceded.

Miss Alice M. Guernsey, Publisher, presented the plan for sale and distribution of the paper, and gave an earnest invitation to all interested in the literature department to attend the "get-together" supper to be given Friday at 6 P. M.

The report of the Bureau for Mission Supplies was presented by the Secretary, Mrs. E. Y. King, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The report showed that 592 appeals for ministers were sent out during the year, and that the total cash and new goods furnished in response to these appeals amounted to $95,531.04.

In forty-two out of the sixty-four Conferences from which reports were received there was an increase in the work done. Indiana Conference made the largest gain, and the North-East Ohio Conference was the banner Conference. The report was adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Madison Swadener, of Indianapolis, Ind., Secretary of the

Bureau for Sustentation Fund, reported the correspondence with Conference Secretaries had revealed the fact that more than 1,400 ministers receive less than $500 per year, 600 of these with parsonage in addition, and 800 without. If this ratio should continue through Conferences not yet heard from, it would appear that at least 3,000 servants of the Most High would be found trying to build the Kingdom of Christ at less than a living wage.

Recommendation was made that the frontier plan of the retention of half dues be no longer continued, but that any Conference voting for a Sustentation Fund should be given twenty-five per cent of each membership due.

On motion, the report was adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Robinson called attention to the Government investigation, which had placed $600 yearly as the lowest possible living wage, and deprecated the fact that so large a proportion of the pastors of our great Church were receiving less than this.

The Annual Report of the General Treasurer, Mrs. George H. Thompson, showed that the receipts for the fiscal year were as follows:

Total income	$806,091 36
Supplies	95,531 04
	$901,622 40
Receipts not income	91,118 35
	$992,740 75
Expenditures	$990,063 03
Balance	2,677 72
	$992,740 75

Mrs. Robinson called attention to the fact that of this large amount but $132,000+ was available for unconditional appropriation for the support of the entire work of the Society, the balance being special funds.

On motion of Mrs. Jones, the report of the Treasurer was adopted, with thanks to all who had united in securing this considerable advance in the income of the Society. (See Report.)

The report of the Committee on Bequest and Devise, given by the Chairman, Mrs. H. C. Jennings, indicated that a total of $17,936 74 had been received from this source.

The solution of the perplexing problems pertaining to the Murray Trust Fund had been reached, and the sum of $10,210.42 cash, with a mortgage note of $800, had been placed in the treasury.

On motion of Mrs. Roach, a vote of thanks was given the women

of the Kansas Conference, Bishop David H. Moore, Bishop Charles W. Smith, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Aiken, and Mrs. Albright, all of whom had contributed, in their measure, to bring about this result.

Mrs. Jones, Chairman of the Special Committee on Membership, made a most inspiring report, and on motion of Mrs. Woodruff, the recommendation that Home Mission Week, November 16th to 23d, be made a rallying time, with an enthusiastic campaign for membership, was adopted by a rising vote, which pledged every woman to do all in her power to assist in such a campaign. (See Report.)

The noon hour having arrived. Mrs. John Neff read the second and seventeenth verses of the third chapter of the First Epistle of John, and Mrs. Roach led in earnest prayer to God our Father, whom we believe has written our names in the Lamb's Book of Life, that while here we come in touch with the head of our National life, we might also meet the Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Head of the Church.

Committees were called, and announcements made by Mrs. D. B. Street, Chairman of the Committee on Entertainment.

On motion of Mrs. Aiken, the students of Rust Hall were invited to come, at a convenient time, to be presented to the Convention. The meeting adjourned until 2 P. M., with prayer by Mrs. B. S. Potter.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

AT 2 o'clock the second session opened with the communion service. Rev. W. R. Wedderspoon, pastor of Foundry Church, asked that the hymn, "Jesus calls thee o'er the tumult," be sung, after which that soul-stirring hymn, "Faith of our fathers," followed, sung with a fervor, which bespake a spirit and purpose to embody the sentiments expressed into the life.

Bishop Cranston assumed charge of the service, assisted by Rev. W. R. Wedderspoon, D. D., Rev. J. C. Nicholson, D. D., Rev. R. L. Wright, D. D., and Rev. J. E. Ames, D. D.

Three stanzas of "In the cross of Christ I glory" were sung, and Bishop Cranston read the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. After our beautiful invitation to communion service was read by the Bishop, eleven tables, averaging about forty communicants, were filled and dismissed by Bishop Cranston, while the sweet-toned organ softly carried to our minds and hearts the sweet melodies which breathed

"Peace is here which knows no measure,
Joys which through all time abide."

This service, the influence of which must abide with all privileged to enjoy, was closed with prayer by Bishop Cranston and the Doxology and benediction.

The President, Mrs. Robinson, in introducing the program of the hour, invited the Vice-Presidents of the Society to the platform, and requested Mrs. William Christie Herron, First Vice-President, to preside.

Mrs. Herron happily asked Bishop Cranston to cheer us by a few words of encouragement. The response came heartily that he did not know that we needed encouragement. This Society had done a work that had encouraged everybody. It had become a help to the Nation. If any had wondered that he had refrained from words, his excuse was, first, that the time of the Convention was valuable, and, second, that such a body of believers coming together do not need exhortation. The Holy Spirit has brooded over the assembly.

The program of the hour was introduced by the presentation of the President, Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson, who gave her Annual Address, which was replete with stirring thoughts upon "Our Indian Problems," "The White Slave Traffic," "Child Labor," "The Jubilee of Emancipation," as well as "Enlarged Plans for the Work of the Society."

Appreciation of the address was shown by the marked attention given and the hearty applause bestowed at the close. (See Address.)

Mrs. W. F. Reed, of Washington, sang with much feeling and to the delight of all, "I am far from my home."

Mrs. Herron said, in announcing the report of Mrs. D. L. Williams, that we were all glad when the time arrived to hear the report of our Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Williams, as she came forward, was greeted with hearty applause. The report was masterful; its historical facts thrilling, and its outlook for the future inspiring. The applause at its close well indicated the spirit of approval with which the report was recceived.

On motion, the report was adopted. (See Report.)

The President called upon the Secretary, Mrs. Aiken, to read the following recommendation from the Board of Trustees:

"The Trustees recommend to the General Board of Managers the formation of a Finance and Auditing Committee of three, to be appointed outside of the Board of Trustees, to aid the Trustees in their financial problems."

The recommendation was adopted on motion of Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson, and the following Committee was appointed by the President:

Mrs. W. Bent Wilson, Indiana Conference; Mrs. J. H. Freeman, West Ohio Conference; and Mrs. D. A. Minard, Genesee Conference.

Mrs. Robinson announced the Committee on Organizations: Mrs. Lilly Leonard Flack, Mrs. N. H. Nason, Mrs. Naomi Day.

Mrs. Robinson explained that this Committee would receive requests during this Convention from Conference delegations and Conference Corresponding Secretaries desiring the services of Field Secretaries for the coming year. Mrs. Griffith stated that the Corresponding Secretaries had considered this same plan last year and did not approve it.

The President invited the Conference Corresponding Secretaries to formulate another plan and present it.

The President called attention to the Morning Watch Hour, conducted by Mrs. A. C. Peck, at 8.30 o'clock.

Dr. Haywood was introduced by the President, and closed the session with prayer and the benediction.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

PROMPTLY at 8 o'clock the meeting was called to order by the President, who explained the absence of Bishop Luccock, and introduced the Rev. W. H. Wilder, D. D., President of the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School. Dr. Wilder commented on several Scripture passages, after which the great congregation joined heartily in singing the hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," and Dr. Wilder led in prayer.

Mrs. Robinson introduced Bishop Cranston, who in a most hearty and cordial manner in behalf of "the Church at large" welcomed the meeting to this, his resident city. He said the Woman's Home Missionary Society was the only truly patriotic Society in Methodism before the division of the Board of Missions into Foreign and Home Boards. He referred to the many departments of work and the glorious achievements of the Society, and urged the women to larger aims and aspirations in the service of humanity and in the name of Christ.

Mr. G. W. F. Swartzell, in behalf of the Methodist Union of the city of Washington, extended a welcome, saying, while he said, "We welcome you to *our* city, it is as much *your* city as ours. You came from every State, but you are coming to your own Capitol." He referred to the work of the Society as *stupendous*, saying nothing could fully measure the good accomplished.

Rev. W. H. Wilder, D. D., President of the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School, extended a welcome for that institution, saying that while the Woman's Home Missionary Society was the younger sister in American Methodism, it was represented in every State of the Union and Island possessions. He said the great secret of the success of the Society was that it "hustled, was hustling, and made the Church hustle."

The Quartet of Foundry Church rendered in a most accomplished manner an anthem, "Arise, the beauty of the Lord is come!"

Rev. W. L. McDowell, D. D., Superintendent of the Baltimore District, extended a welcome for the pastors of his district, saying: "We welcome you for your work's sake—we work shoulder to shoulder with you in Christianizing this great country. The Church can never do its work in the foreign field if we fail to save America."

Rev. W. R. Wedderspoon, D. D., pastor of Foundry Church, then

extended a most hearty welcome in behalf of his Church, which in a few months will celebrate its centennial. He said, "I extend a royal welcome for what you are and what you have accomplished, and may the coming days be happy and profitable!"

Mrs. Robinson in introducing Mrs. D. B. Street said this is the first time in the history of the Society when the Annual Meeting has been entertained by a single district. Heretofore this has been done by a Conference.

Mrs. Street, for twenty-five years Corresponding Secretary of the Washington District, then extended a welcome for her district. She likened the Society to a Mosaic, being composed of Auxiliaries, Districts, Conferences, and representing work done in Hospitals, Homes, Schools—all imbedded in the love and strength of our God.

Mrs. Street said she could give a most genuine welcome to Washington, having lived here all her life, and "while society life of Washington may seem to be under the dominance of wealth, even to the extent of influencing some men sent here to represent other communities, yet there is a happy host here which does not bow the knee to Baal." Mrs. Street paid tribute to Mrs. Clara L. Roach, Corresponding Secretary of the Baltimore Conference, and to Mrs. James E. Gilbert, the President of the District, and in closing referred to the inspiration given by the lovely personality of our President, Mrs. Robinson, and presented her with a huge bouquet of white chrysanthemums. In accepting the flowers Mrs. Robinson said it was with some embarrassment because of a resolution in regard to gifts being made, but she would select just one of the beautiful flowers and send the others to Sibley Hospital.

Mrs. A. E. Griffith, Secretary of Des Moines Conference, where the meeting was entertained last year, then responded in a most happy manner to these welcomes in behalf of the Conferences.

Mrs. W. P. Thirkield responded for the officers of the Society, referring to the arduous work performed by them of problems which perplexed them. They considered their offices as special trusts, and she appealed to the women to answer their appeals in all practical lines of work, to work hand in hand in the battles of the cities and deserts, and to make the daughters of America's future the daughters of Christian America.

At this time Prof. Anton Kaspar rendered a most beautiful violin solo, which was encored, and the Professor responded with another exquisite performance. The meeting closed with benediction by Bishop Cranston, and an informal reception followed.

THURSDAY MORNING.

PROMPTLY at 9 o'clock the President, Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson, took the chair, and the meeting was opened by singing the inspiring hymn, "A charge to keep I have."

Mrs. Daniel Smith, Corresponding Secretary of the Genesee Conference, conducted the devotional services. The first and last stanzas of "How firm a foundation" were sung, the beautiful Shepherd's Psalm recited in concert, and Mrs. Smith offered a fervent prayer.

It is a matter of historic interest that Mrs. Smith was present at the organization of this Society, at the request of her mother, Mrs. Henry Dagoner, of Cincinnati, who was imbued with the missionary spirit, but unable to attend this first meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Miss Guernsey called attention to the new Calendar for 1914, with its suggestive programs for Auxiliaries, and to the recently published fine collection of Home Mission hymns, prepared especially for use in Home Missionary meetings.

Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson moved, seconded by Mrs. Delia L. Williams, that this collection of hymns be made the official song book of this Convention, and the motion prevailed.

The President, Mrs. Robinson, stated that she had been requested to continue the few minutes' talks introduced in the morning session at the last Convention, and then gave as the thought of the day, "He setteth the solitary in families," speaking of the family life of patriarchal days, and the blessed personalities of modern family life of the Christian women of the Woman's Home Missionary Society; then urged the personal touch to the stranger while greeting the familiar friends, for "He setteth the solitary in families, and you should communicate one with another."

The minutes of Wednesday morning were presented by Mrs. Albright, the afternoon session by Mrs. Potter, and the evening session by Mrs. Thompson, all of which were adopted.

Mrs. Robinson called attention to the question of the proposed new building of Thayer Home, saying the report of the Special Committee on this Building was deferred till later time.

The President called to the platform Ladies Albright, Williams, Geo. H. Thompson, and W. Bent Wilson, of Indiana, Chairman of the new Committee on Auditing and Finance.

At this time Rev. W. A. Haggerty, D. D., pastor of Tetworth Methodist Episcopal Church, was presented and assured us in the words of the small boy who defined Epistles as the wives of the Apostles, that the women of this organization in their good works were the feminine apostles.

Mrs. Robinson referred to the statement in a recent number of *Woman's Home Missions* regarding unconditional appropriations.. Mrs.

Geo. H. Thompson explained that the Ways and Means Committee in making their report were expected not to exceed the receipts in the General Fund the previous year. After the Committee considered all the requests sent into it, the amount exceeded the appropriations of last year by $10,000. It was agreed to cut all advanced appropriation requests fifty-six per cent; this left $8,000 to be provided for.

Mrs. Williams, Chairman of Ways and Means Committee, added to Mrs. Thompson's statement that this $8,000 additional appropriation was not for new work; some of it was appropriated last year and not called for by the Bureau Secretaries; therefore, when the requested advanced appropriations were cut, the cut was put over into the conditional appropriations.

Mrs. Albright stated that special gifts would not help the General Fund, but as one of the brethren had remarked to her, "If every woman in the Methodist Episcopal Church were a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, you would have the helpful increase of $10,000,000."

Mrs. I. D. Jones, Chairman of Committee on Membership, happily interjected that when the new plan now inaugurated to secure additional members should be in full operation, the General Fund would be largely increased.

Mrs. C. L. Weaver, Field Secretary, added that "this desired increase would come quickly if every member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society would become a tither."

Mrs. Robinson spoke of the many appeals which come to the Trustees to undertake new work, and how impossible it is to accept them, but emphasized the fact that we must maintain the present Homes and Missions of the Society. This brought forth hearty applause.

Mrs. Williams enumerated some of the places asking the additional $8,000—the McCrum Slavonic Training School, the Utah Bureau, New Orleans Work, and the Hazelton Anthracite Slavonic Mission.

Mrs. W. Bent Wilson expressed the belief that in this work we should face facts and figures, and we would then know the better how far we can go in the work. She heartily endorsed the report of the Ways and Means Committee.

Mrs. M. L. Woodruff moved, seconded by Mrs. Naomi Day, that we accept the report of the Ways and Means Committee, and that nothing be added to the unconditional appropriations embodied in the report. This motion was carried unanimously.

Mrs. J. B. Algire stated that while she understood what is meant by conditional and unconditional appropriations, there are those in the Convention who do not.

Mrs. Robinson explained that unconditional appropriations meant it was to be paid by the General Treasurer. Conditional appropriation, what is raised under the privilege of using the name of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Mrs. M. L. Woodruff summed up the question from her standpoint as a Bureau Secretary in the concise statement that unconditional appropriation comes from the General Treasurer, but the conditional means the Bureau Secretary must *get* it, and *you*, the members, must pay it.

Mrs. Arthur G. Dunn in a most sympathetic manner sang "Tell me more of Jesus."

Mrs. Aiken was in receipt of an invitation from St. Louis for the next Convention, the Governor of the State, the Mayor, and others of prominence having extended the same, and moved that this and all similar invitations be referred to Committee on Place of Meeting. Carried.

Rev. D. W. Howell, D. D., Secretary of General Deaconess Board, was presented; also Rev. J. E. Amos, of Baltimore Conference; Rev. W. I. McKenney, pastor Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. H. G. Spencer, pastor of Kensington Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mrs. I. D. Jones reported one membership card filled, showing five new members in the Berkeley, Trinity Auxiliary, Oakland District, California Conference.

Mrs. Aiken moved the Convention adjourn in favor of the Finance Committee. Carried.

After singing the Doxology in recognition of the blessed effort of the Finance Committee at its first session, this Committee arose at the noon hour and Mrs. Wm. A. Goodman, of Cincinnati, Ohio, took charge of the devotional service. Mrs. Goodman stated that she had intended reading the first ten verses of the twenty-first chapter of Deuteronomy, but in the brief time allotted her she requested that this selection be read by her sisters at home.

Mrs. Goodman said, "Over a magnificent Jewish Temple in Cincinnati is inscribed, 'My house shall be a house of prayer for all peoples.' There, in a sermon on civic righteousness and individual responsibility to our brother in need, delivered by the Rabbi on these verses in Deuteronomy—one slain was found without the camp, a wayfarer, a traveler; all the cities round about were responsible, but the *nearest* more so. We are our brother's keeper is the thought in line with our year's study on "Immigration."

Mrs. Goodman voiced a petition of thanksgiving to Him who crowneth consecrated efforts with victory.

Mrs. Lilly Leonard Slack, in behalf of the Committee on Organization, of which she was Chairman, spoke regarding some problems pertaining to the work of organization, experience having demonstrated that when organizers make their own itineraries and the itineraries of other Field Secretaries have not been considered, there is duplication of travel and a waste of opportunities.

Conferences and Auxiliaries know just how difficult is the raising of the necessary funds to carry on the work, and we must recognize the fact that it is the individual work of every Auxiliary and Circle

and Band of the more than one hundred Conferences which makes possible the splendid report of our Treasurer. If every Conference that asks for a particular Field Secretary would be ready to meet the expense of travel from one part of the country to another, it would aid in bringing about greater results, with an expenditure of less money, less time, and less labor on the part of our organizers.

Adjournment followed until 2 P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

MISS Elizabeth F. Pierce led in the opening hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have," after which Mrs. A. C. Peck of Denver, Colorado, conducted the Quiet Hour, the theme being "Crucified with Christ." "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" was sung. Miss Ida E. Miner, Superintendent of Brooklyn Deaconess Home, followed with prayer for clearer inspiration, broader vision, better service toward those for whom Christ died.

"O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done?" was sung. A moment of silent prayer preceded the message from the "place called Calvary," "Crucified with Christ;" Gal. 2:20, "yet Christ liveth in me." The dread hour had come. The lamb had been slain. Herod and Pontius Pilate joined together to do what had been foretold. Christ Jesus was in the midst of his enemies—the body scourged—the hands that had blessed the feet that went about doing good, were pierced; but the soul expression was "Father forgive them." Henceforth Calvary stands for Victory. The "Come to me" and the "Follow me" are closely related. The Cross of Christ, if more fully apprehended, would cause self and sin to die. To temptation would be said, "I am dead to that." The Christ would not be crucified anew. Can we bear reproach, meet criticism and injustice in the path that leads to the Cross? God knows what instruments to use, that we may bring forth fruit unto service. The singing of "Where He Leads I Will Follow," closed a precious hour of devotion.

Mrs. I. J. Reynolds, of Pasadena, California, Secretary of the Bureau for Systematic Beneficience, presented her report. She expressed the belief that tithing brought to success, would ensure success in every line of effort. Fifty per cent noted in the report, and three times as many tithing in 1912, was cause for hope.

On motion of Mrs. Roach, the report was adopted with appreciation. (See Report.)

The report of the Bureau for Missionary Candidates was given by the Secretary, Mrs. A. B. Storms, who referred to her work as a "go-between" those who plead to go forth, and those who supply the needed money. Report adopted. (See Report.)

The missionaries introduced as follows represented many years of service, intense love for their particular fields, and firm faith in final

results. Their names are in remembrance "there." "On the page white and fair." Miss Flora Mitchell, Miss Eliza Page, Miss Clara I. King, Mrs. Edward Bulkley, Miss F. C. Buddington, Mrs. Wilhelmina Bero, Miss I. Hill, Mrs. Hilda M. Naysmith, Mrs. L. G. Harris, Mrs. H. M. Fowler, Mrs. Anna D. Elder, and Rev. Geo. W. Keen. Each called attention to special needs.

The address of Mrs. O. N. Townsend, of Zanesville, Ohio, on Increased Efficiency, was most forceful and helpful. The value of true fellowship was set forth in the counsel. "Stay close to your constituency." The reading of Arnold Bennett's "Mental Efficiency" and George Miller's sermon on "Life's Efficiency," had strengthened her convictions that four things were demanded: "clear vision," "consistency in our lives," "peace," "no sand in the machinery," no uncontrol of self, and "Power" which clasps the down-reached hand of God.

The National Training School for Women and Girls located in Lincoln Heights, D. C., contributed much to the Fifty Years Jubilee service. Ten young women dressed in white with Miss M. Helen Adam, soloist in the center with "our flag"—"her flag"—draped about her, sang with marked emotion "O Freedom, I Love Thee."

Mrs. E. L. Albright, of Chicago, Illinois, was allotted ten minutes in which to give the "History of Our Work Among the Negroes." As she portrayed the race turned out, unguided, no schools, no Churches, no money, no experience slaves to become a free people, she most hopefully noted their later advantages in industrial training, in homes, colleges, schools, and in the dignity of labor. The comprehensive review of our Homes represented a valuation of $254,850. On motion of Mrs. D. D. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. K. S. Burnett, the address is to be printed in leaflet form.

Mrs. Edward Bulkley, a graduate of Browning Home, Camden, S. C., spoke of her experience as student, graduate, wife, and widow, and now teacher in the Institution that "made dark places bright for her childhood's vision." Of "my own people" she says, "Educate your boy at any sacrifice; build homes; respect womanhood of every race: be citizens: regard the good of humanity as a real problem, consider not alone externals; the beam is not weakened by the bit of bark that adheres; the grain is more than the polish; young people *have* a special specific purpose; your needs are many; in the growth of the body there is limitation, but toward a goal there is no such confine. Christian education is imperative. Be whole as well as holy. Let your purpose find expression in "the chambered Nautilus;" "Build thee more stately mansions, O my Soul, as the swift seasons roll." (Received with applause.)

Miss Ruth Smith, with Mrs. E. V. Jarvis as organist, most effectively rendered "Is There Any Room in Heaven for a Little Black Girl Like Me?"

Mrs. I. D. Jones made a plea for Jubilee gifts, saying: "The Woman's Home Missionary Society, like the God whom she serves, is no respecter

of persons. The desire to help the Negro girls and women of our Southland gave her birth. Upon this Jubilee occasion we wish to express to the Negro girls and women in our country our continued interest and sisterly love. Love is always active; therefore the Trustees recommend that every member of our Society give 25 cents (or more) each, as a personal Jubilee gift, to enable us to pay off the indebtedness upon our building for the colored girls, and to improve and erect other buildings, for which appropriations have already been made. This fund, to be known as the Personal Jubilee Fund, to be divided among our Bureaus for Negroes." Mrs. Slack moved that this recommendation for a Personal Jubilee Gift be accepted by a rising vote. Carried.

Rev. Robert E. Jones, D. D., editor *Southwestern Christian Advocate,* New orleans, La., was most graciously introduced by the President, Mrs. George O. Robinson. The theme, "Up From Slavery" was treated in a masterful way, which clearly indicated that the boy born in Greensboro, N. C., had made use of opportunities, was familiar with ancestral history, and well merited the honor conferred upon him by the General Conference. The speaker said, "I would be untrue to my people, untrue to myself, should I fail to thank you for what you have done for us. * * Christianity is the root of the Home life. * * The race has been maligned, mistreated, misinterpreted and yet their progress is a source of gratification to those whose relation to them gives weight to testimony. The gifts of gold from this Society, though most generous, were not equal to the gifts of womanhood; the cultured, sweet-spirited, godly women who lived among them, God-baptized, God-directed. The building of a race requires centuries. Though exultant after the development of fifty years, a long stretch lies before us, and a large segment is still in misery. * * The negro asks but the chance to be a man; do not blame him. Divine decree made him—made the race. Give him a place in the brotherhood of man. At times we are tossed like the wrecked ship, which gave answer thus to the call: 'Shall we lower boats and take you in?' 'No. Lay by us till morning.' So say we, and if you fail us you must report to God the reason why."

Mrs. George O. Robinson said ,"Be your own race. Don't be discouraged. Do the best you can, and you will be a great race."

The Lincoln Heights Choir favored us with a second selection, "The Prophecy." "Verily, Our God is marching on."

Rev. N. H. Holmes, D. D., assistant pastor of Foundry Church, Washington, D. C., and Chaplain of Department Post, G. A. R., called attention to the fact that a Jubilee such as this should mention the name of Abraham Lincoln. The audience, at the request of the President, stood in silence at the name of the Great Liberator.

Mrs. I. Buck was appointed to respond to a telegram of greetings from Italians read by Mrs. Aiken, "They of Italy salute you."

Adjournment until 7.45 P. M. followed the collection and the benediction by Rev. N. H. Holmes.

THURSDAY EVENING.

OBSERVED as Hospital evening opened with a processional of Nurse Deaconesses from Sibley Hospital, Mrs. D. B. Street leading. The devotional service was in charge of Bishop William Burt, who read the 13th Chapter of First Corinthians and offered prayer.

Rev. A. W. Kavanagh, Superintendent of Methodist Hospital, of Brooklyn, N. Y., gave Hospital Greetings, telling of his Hospital, the oldest in Methodism, founded by Mr. George I. Ciely and Rev. J. M. Buckley, D. D., in memory of Mr. Ciely's father and mother. Dr. Kavanagh claimed that Methodism is interested in world wide affairs, that this Hospital had a broader work of the Church, over and above any particular work of a Society. He gave a little calculation in arithmetic showing that if five thousand patients were cared for and each patient should average two, three or five callers a day, how the influence of the Hospital would widen till hundreds of thousands of souls would be reached.

Dr. Kavanagh said our Methodist Hospitals are standing for three things: first, the ministry of John Wesley, whose life was a rule of three; he preached, he taught and healed the sick. Second, the Spirit of Jesus Christ quoting the words of Bishop Warren in summing up the life of Christ as a "spirit to heal the sick." Third, bringing the best in science of surgery and medicine within the means of the poor, for three-fourths of the work of Brooklyn Hospital is free.

Rev. K. S. Haywood, D. D., Field Secretary for Robinson Hall, spoke upon the "Importance of Hospitals to Home Missionary Work." He told of one who was lovingly called the "Apostle of Cheer," whose motto was, "do plenty of work, do not worry but be cheerful." Dr. Haywood believed our Hospitals to be truly "Apostles of Cheer." He had traveled 41,000 miles during the past sixteen months in the interest of our new Hospital in Washington, and said it was his belief that in all of the Nation's capital this Hospital is the greatest asset of Methodism

Very tender was his reference to the Longwell Children's Ward as he told of the summons of the Great Physician to her whose gift it had been, while in pleasing words he pictured the "Getting Well Room" for the little ones, paying tribute to Miss Alice M. Guernsey's fertile brain, which had conceived the name of this room as well as the beautiful hymn dedicated to the convalescing children. (See hymn.)

Mrs. D. B. Street, Secretary of the Bureau for Hospitals, in graphic language told of the Tuberculosis Hospital, Albuquerque, N. M., of the ministering angels, the Deaconesses, who know no weariness of spirit as they go about on their missions of love in this spot which in more than one sense is an oasis in the desert. Mrs. Street made a strong plea for more tents to accommodate the patients.

As she told of the Hospital in Rapid City, S. D., it was truly a "call

from the hills" and were given an insight not only into the homes but into the hearts of the noble ministers of the Gospel, who with their wives are living for others—forgetting self. The great need of this Hospital was made manifest and the appreciation of its helpfulness was evidenced by the one incident of the patient whose sixty-second birthday had been marked by a visit from friends, bearing him $62 as a remembrance. Not from his abundance, but from his heart he had given a ten dollar gold piece, a part of the birthday gift, to Mrs. Street for the Hospital, and as she held aloft the gold, she expressed the hope that it would be multiplied many times by the generous friends till the $1.280 she had assumed as she took the Hospital would be more than paid.

Mrs. W. F. Reed voiced the prayer of all hearts as she sang "Be Thou With Me."

More than sixty nurses from Sibley Hospital were formally presented to the Convention. It was an impressive scene as the President. Mrs. Robinson, commended their service to the Church, to humanity and enlarged upon their potentialities.

Mrs. Anna Hobbs Woodcock presented the cause of "The Children of Our Republic," telling the story of her recent visit to Slavonic Sunday school in the city of East St. Louis, of the forty children in earnest study, then of the church service, and the baptism of two little ones, recently made motherless. There seemed no one to stand sponsor for them, but when the pastor asked the second time, "who stands for these children," Mrs. Woodcock stepped forward, saying, "I do, in the name of the Woman's Home Missionary Society." A third, the baby of the family, also needed care. Mrs. Woodcock was "happy to state that Des Moines, her own Conference, had heard her story as she journeyed to Washington and assumed the care of one child, but who would take the other two?" Prompt response came from Miss Alice M. Guernsey: "I will be responsible for one;" another voice was heard, "Erie Conference will care for the baby in Cunningham Orphanage."

Rev. W. R. Wedderspoon pronounced the benediction upon a meeting replete with vital interest.

FRIDAY MORNING.

THE SESSION opened with the singing of "Oh Master, Let Me Walk With Thee," and "My Faith Looks up to Thee." A portion of the 15th Chapter of John was read and prayer offered by Mrs. M. L. Tacker, both combining to emphasize the thought that we are called of God—ordained of God—that we might bring forth much fruit. Miss Guernsey, in presenting the literature, said that as women were credited as being bargain hunters, she would appeal to that habit as she had bargains in literature to offer.

A recognition on the part of Mrs. Robinson of the weariness attending such continued meetings brought from the Convention a succession of the promises of a renewal of strength for those who wait upon the Lord. The minutes of Thursday morning were read by Mrs. Aiken and Mrs. Winold, those of the afternoon by Mrs. Gilbert, and those of the evening session by Mrs. Winold, and adopted.

Mrs. R. H. Young, Secretary of the Bureau for Eskimos, referred to the report that our mission building at Sirauk had been destroyed in the recent severe storm in that section, but that inquiry of government officials here gave the assurance that there was but slight injury to our property. Help was needed for the Esquimos, whose homes had been destroyed. They had been disappointed because of the failure to accomplish the building of the gymnasium, but now regarded the delay as providential. The Board of Home Missions is considering the transfer to us of a church property which would save us a considerable expenditure.

Mrs. Keiser, Chairman of the Enrollment Committee, read the list of Conferences which had not yet presented their credentials, and she was instructed to continue this public call until all had reported. The Convention adjourned to reassemble as the Committee of the Whole on Finance.

At 11 A. M. the Committee arose and the Convention was called to order to listen to an address by Bishop Luther Wilson.

Mrs. Robinson prefaced the address by a reference to the early days of our history, at which time Bishop Wilson stood as a firm supporter of our work—a support which he has never withdrawn. Bishop Wilson expressed regret that he was not able to take his appointed place in the evening sermon, but he had made strenuous effort to be present at this time. He did not wonder that his colleagues were becoming more deeply interested in our work, as he knew no company of Christian workers more profoundly interested in Christian service than this organization. He remembered the work in the little home in F Street, which is the same as our work to-day, *plus* the finest activity of the best women of Methodism. One of the chief pleasures of that early period was his association with our honored President, Mrs. Robinson, to sit at her feet was to take a lesson in applied Christianity, and to be enriched intellectually and spiritually. He believed that when Methodism reckons up the achievements of the years it will surely add to the crown of praise already on the modest head of this worthy woman.

What should he ask—consideration of the great needs of our cities—of New York especially, where if you go to the top of the highest building in the city you can look over territory occupied by one-sixteenth of our population. In this greatest single mission field of the world joyless children languish, and men and women who wept yesterday weep more bitterly for the morrow. He congratulated the Society on this fact,

that whatever might be the history of the future, the past is secure, and that he stood with the great company of Methodists circling the earth—proud of what the Society had done.

He had stood at the tomb of Napoleon, where no circumstance was lacking that could add to the significance or splendor of the surroundings. He had stood before the plain block of marble that marked the last resting-place of David Livingston in Westminster Abbey, and reviewing the history of these men he had thought neither life nor death were of moment—or great significance, but only how one passes the years between these events.

He believed that we had looked upon Him who had died on Calvary, and had chosen Him as our great example, and as opportunity came he would in a measure imitate the example of Him who is the Author and finisher of our faith, and that having His smile here to-day we should have His welcome to-morrow.

Mrs. Julian Brylawski sang "The Ninety and Nine" to the great pleasure of the audience.

Greetings being received from the Woman's Home and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies of the Eastern Pennsylvania Synod, Mrs. Bertha Fowler and Mrs. Mary Fish Park were appointed a committee to make return greetings.

Bishop Burt led the Convention in a prayer of thanksgiving to God our Father. Adjournment followed until 2 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

THE meeting opened with Bishop Burt, President of the General Deaconess Board, in charge of the devotional hour. The hymn, "My Faith Looks up to Thee," was sung. Bishop Burt read a few verses from the 24th Chapter of St. Luke—an incident in the life of the apostles and after the resurrection of Christ. He said there were three striking pictures portrayed. First, the disheartened and dejected disciples; second, the flood of light which came to them because of the presence of Christ, and third, their anxiety to run to Jerusalem to tell others that they had seen the Christ. The practical application of the lesson made by Bishop Burt was both convincing and inspiring.

Rev. H. M. Schliter, D. D., pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Baltimore, offered prayer for the gift of a burning heart for duty; for a faith and vision which will give us the power to help bring the world to Christ.

After the singing of "Nearer My God to Thee" the president introduced the program of the afternoon, which was devoted to the interests of the Deaconesses Department of our Society. The center seats of the Church were well filled with deaconesses.

The first number upon the program—"A Map Demonstration of the Deaconess work of the Society"—proved to be a very popular one. The President called attention to the chart in view representing the scope of this department, and invited the Secretaries of the ten Deaconess Bureaus to the platform. All responded to the invitation with the exception of Mrs. S. W. Betts, Secretary of the Northwest Bureau, who has recently changed her residence to Salt Lake City from Spokane, Washington.

The President proved by the exercise which followed that she had not lost her gifts as a teacher. Each Secretary was called forward and questioned as to the kind of work and the number of institutions in her Bureau. The good pupils responded with intelligence and promptness and with the hearty approval of their teacher.

Miss Cummins reported the property valuation of the Department to be a grand total of $1,558,349.15, with an indebtedness of $134.055.20.

At the close of the pleasant hour the President invited Bishop William Burt, D. D. LL. D., President of the General Deaconess Board, and Rev. D. W. Howell, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the same, to seats on the platform.

In introducing Dr. Howell as the speaker of the hour to discuss "The Deaconess as a Social and Christian Factor," the President said, "We thank God for the creation of this Board and for the consideration it has given our Society in questions of interest to us that have come before it." Mrs. Robinson gave Dr. Howell a hearty greeting, as his thoughtful and brotherly address, which followed, proved he so well deserved. The great thought was amplified that "if the life of a deaconess is not a spiritual factor, she is nothing in the Church." Dr. Howell said the divisions of his subject and their discussion would apply to all of us. First, the Deaconess must know *how to see*. Life depends not upon the things without us but upon the soul within. She must impress the social life that it is the spirit life that tells in the world.

Second. She is *to be*. As one man had said to another: "Your life speaks so loudly that I can not hear what you say." This Christ gave to the world. What is true of Christ should be true of every Christian.

Third. We are *to do*. Professing to love the Christ, can we so see *Him* and so do His will as to compel others to see this Christ?

Dr. Howell assumed that every woman present can touch the life of some young woman in her local Church, and send her out in this work. The inspiring address closed with the utterance "God speed the day when our deaconesses shall be multiplied a thousand fold."

Miss Harding, of Washington, sang with wonderfully sympathetic voice "The Bird with a Broken Pinion." The pathos of this exquisitely beautiful solo reached all hearts.

The President introduced Miss Bancroft, General Superintendent of Deaconess Department. The greeting which Miss Bancroft received was

hearty and merited. The speaker first expressed the pride she felt in looking into the faces before her and calling them daughters; and her joy in realizing that their hearts respond to hers. The fine address received marked attention. A hush fell upon the audience when Miss Bancroft repeated: "The work of our hands establish thou it," and added, "Do we dare pray this? Is the work of our hands so fair and fit that we can thus pray?" Mrs. Robinson said we have the past secure of toil, and endeavor. Miss Bancroft added, "and trust for the future."

The Deaconess as Field Secretary was presented by Miss Cartes K. Swartz. The scope of her work has been large, but she said the Homes must be visited to understand their needs and perplexities.

Miss Oram, at the request of the President, read the proposed reorganization of the Deaconess Department, which will be considered at another session. Mrs. Robinson expressed regret that she could not invite each deaconess to the platform whose lives are so full of incidents of interest. After announcements, Rev. G. Le Roy White, pastor of Anacostal Church, Washington, offered prayer and the session closed with the benediction by Dr. Haywood.

FRIDAY EVENING.

THE meeting was called to order by Mrs. Robinson, and after singing the hymn "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," Mrs. Sweet, Superintendent of the Deaconess Home of Wilmington, Delaware, read the Bible story of Christ feeding the multitude, after which Dr. Wedderspoon led in prayer.

Mrs. Robinson, in introducing Bishop Burt, said she considered him a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, for when General Conference elected him President of the General Deaconess Board, by virtue of that office thought he should be counted one of us.

Bishop Burt said he had been a "foreigner" for twenty-seven years, but when he was brought home he immediately identified himself with the home work. He said he realized the greatness of the task the Woman's Home Missionary Society was performing, and he admired the strength, courage, and faith of the Society. He said the crying need of our Church is not for *more* equipment, but for *greater spiritual power;* not *spasmodic* effort but for the *steady outflow* of the Christian life—conviction—*burning* conviction and Christian character, more heart pulsations for passion for service, and the fountain must be Christ—Christ living in us. We must have a personal experience. If we have superior talents, then these increase our obligation to service. The way to greatness is *down.* Only those who go down in the world and take sorrow and suffering find the *secret* of true joy. Our service must be the expression of our love of Christ; the test of the love we profess must

be the kind of service we propose to do. We must put as much conscientiousness in the *little* things we do as in the big; and the way to win is persevering, persistent service and to be ready to suffer. Bishop Burt's address was on "Christ, an Example and Inspiration for Service," and he emphasized the saying of our Lord, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these ye have done unto me."

Mrs. Welch then sang that most beautiful solo, "O Love that Will not Let Me Die."

Mrs. Robinson asked Bishop Burt to introduce the next speaker, saying that in Christian work the ends of the world are drawn together, and this was realized when the Bishop introduced Rev. Anton Bast of Copenhagen, Denmark, a pastor of the Norwegian Danish Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Bast then told how he became interested in the work he is now performing, that of Christian social service, having charge of twenty-five Church and social institutions, five Church homes, hospitals kindergartens, night shelters and clubs of various kinds.

After the collection was taken by the ushers, Mrs. Robinson said this was her twenty-fifth consecutive year in the service of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and she had written with the assistance of Miss Elsie Ball and Mrs. D. B. Street a history of the National Training School in Washington, and a copy would be given to each delegate and visitor.

Dr. Wilder announced the dedication of Robinson Hall for Sunday at 3 o'clock, after which the new Battle Hymn written for the Woman's Home Missionary Society by Rev. Benjamin Copeland of Buffalo was sung, and at the request of Bishop Burt three verses of "America" were also sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Wilder.

SATURDAY MORNING.

AT 9 o'clock Mrs. Robinson occupied the chair. Mrs. Charles W. Gallagher, of Lutherville, Md., in charge of devotions, announced the hymn, "A charge to keep I have."

Ever since God gave a pattern to Moses, and commanded that all things should be made according to the pattern, the beautiful buildings, the works of art, have been the result of accepting the models. From many passages of Scripture the life of the Christ as He went about doing good was clearly portrayed in his love for the children, His tender care for the weary, His anxiety for the cities alike, mindful of woods and vales. Shall we not walk with Him? Shall we ever be in our lives and purposes a pattern of good works, showing forth the man of Galilee? Mrs. Gallagher prayed that we might be doing the simple duties, following in the steps of the weary and oft dust-worn feet of the Christ if thus we may give rest to the tired ones of earth, that we may have a clear

vision and a ready mind." Service closed with singing three stanzas of "In the cross of Christ I glory."

The minutes of Friday morning were presented by Mrs. Albright; afternoon by Mrs. Potter, and evening session by Mrs. Thompson, and adopted.

Rev. A. J. Benjamin, of Wisconsin Conference and Editor of Wisconsin Christian Advocate, was introduced, and in response said that each issue of his paper called attention to the work of this Society, and that the proceedings of this Convention would be reported by him in full.

Mrs. Wm. Hamilton Bayly, President of the Young Women's Christian Association of Washington, D. C., was presented to the Convention and assured them of her kindly interest, and desired the ladies, if possible, to call at the Association Rooms, 936 F Street, N. W.

Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson called to mind the fact that Mrs. Albright had served as Assistant Secretary for twenty years. It later was noted that Mrs. B. S. Potter had held the same office for twenty-four years, and was absent during but one Convention, or Annual Meeting, namely, 1912, while traveling in Europe.

Miss Alice M. Guernsey was given her usual time for announcement or suggestion: "When an Auxiliary pledges to a Home or School, give to each member of that Auxiliary a leaflet on *that* Home." She also extended thanks to the Young Women's Christian Association for the service last night at the "get-together luncheon."

For the two minutes' talk, given by Mrs. Robinson, "The joy of the Lord is your strength" was greatly to be desired in our experience.

As certain debts had been contracted in the defense of a law-suit, the question arose as to the plan of meeting the obligation due to Bishop Moore.

Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff asked, Can this be legally met out of the general treasury? Adding, if this is possible, it need not prevent private or personal gifts.

Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson stated that, upon legal authority, this body has the right to reimburse Bishop Moore for the expense incurred through the employment of legal service.

Mrs. Clara L. Roach moved that the payment of the debt be out of the general treasury, it being considered perfectly legitmate so to do. Mrs. H. C. Mitchell, of Southern Illinois Conference, seconded the motion, several others supported it, and it prevailed by a rising vote.

On motion of Mrs. Perchment, seconded by several members of the body, the $1,300 paid by Mrs. Robinson in same defense will be credited to Detroit Conference by voucher.

"Blest be the tie that binds" was sung, and an earnest prayer was offered by Mrs. Margaret D. Moors.

Convention adjourned in favor of the Finance Committee.

At 12.10 the Committee arose, Mrs. Mary Fisk Park in the chair. "More love to Thee, O Christ" was sung. By special request, Mrs. Gottsmann and Mrs. Brylawskia sang in joyful strain, "The whole wide world for Jesus."

Mrs. Park spoke in appreciation of the well-rendered duet, adding, "If we all work faithfully, the whole world will know of Jesus."

Mrs. Clara L. Roach, Chairman of Committee on Pulpit Supply, read the assignments to the various Churches for Sunday. Mrs. Fannie M. Clair, President of the Washington Conference, was introduced and made additional announcements in pulpit supply.

Mrs. Lilly Leonard Slack, Chairman of Committee on Field Secretary Itinerary, recalled a sermon of which she had heard delivered under three heads: 1. I Will Tell *What* I Have to Tell; 2. I Will *Tell;* 3. I Will Tell What I Told. She requestetd that Secretaries having an itinerary arranged would confer with her; also that Conferences desiring the services of Field workers would notify her.

The body was invited to attend a reception to be given to-night at Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington District, Washington Conference.

The President again occupied the chair. The reception to be given this afternoon by Bishop and Mrs. Cranston was again announced.

Bishop Wm. Burt pronounced the benediction. Adjournment followed until 1.30 P. M., when an Executive session would be held.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

AT 1.30 the Quiet Hour was observed. The General Officers were on the platform, and Mrs. A. C. Peck in her beautiful, quiet, and forceful manner presented the thought, "Risen with Christ."

The service was a most fitting prelude to the Executive session which followed at 2 o'clock, with the President in the chair. In a quiet, dignified manner Mrs. Robinson immediately announced her decision not to be a candidate for re-election to the office of President. She said this decision had been made after careful consideration, and in compliance with the urgent request of her husband and family. She cited the example of Bishop Oldham, who after a term of years in the Bishopric requested retirement from that office, not to be relieved from work, but to assume the responsible position as Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions; and Mrs. Robinson said she expected to continue her interest in the Society. She then presented the object of the calling of the Executive Session, that of considering several important matters which must be decided before the election on Monday.

The first was that of having three co-ordinate Corresponding Secretaries. She cited the cases of the Boards for Home and Foreign Mis-

sions in having their co-ordinate Secretaries, and explained that if this were decided upon there must necessarily be changes in the By-laws and Constitution, and would not go into effect this year, and two must be appointed by the Board.

Mrs. Roach at this time asked to have the floor, and was invited to the platform. She said she had been a member of the Board of Managers for twenty-eight years, having this position by virtue of her office as Corresponding Secretary of the Baltimore Conference. She said she had been loyal to every President who had been in that office during these years, and then paid a great tribute of love and respect for Mrs. Robinson. She recited many instances of the splendid work done by our President, and said that one of the best things of her life was the decision to lay down this splendid work to care for her dear husband. This brought extended applause, and then Mrs. Roach made a motion that a Committee of five, with Mrs. W. P. Thirkield as Chairman, be appointed to form a resolution of appreciation of the work performed by Mrs. Robinson as President. Mrs. Aiken put the motion, which was carried unanimously by a rising vote, and the other members of the Committee were nominated and elected as follows: Mrs. Roach, Mrs. Aiken, Mrs. Peck, and Mrs. Price.

Mrs. Robinson then asked Mrs. Aiken to present a recommendation from the Board of Trustees, which is as follows:

WHEREAS, The growth of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and the importance of closer supervision favor a change in the Constitution of the Society, providing for three co-ordinate Corresponding Secretaries, following the example of the Parent Missionary Society and the Home Mission Board; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees recommend to the Board of Managers that the Society have three co-ordinate Corresponding Secretaries.

Resolved, To recommend to the Board of Managers that each co-ordinate Corresponding Secretary receive a salary of $1,000 per annum, and an allowance of $300 for clerical help.

A motion was made to adopt this recommendation, and extended discussion took place, the following ladies participating: Mesdames Williams, Geo. H. Thompson, Woodruff, Albright, Longley, Onstott, Piatt, Bickley, Schlick, Roach, Brummitt, Fowler, Buck, Barge, Griffith, Willis, Woodward, Bodkin, Elder, Reynolds, Haywood, and Boswell. The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

Mrs. Bickley then moved that this be referred to the Committee of Revision of Constitution, and take the usual course. The motion was carried.

As there seemed to be some misunderstanding, Mrs. Woodruff asked that the vote be taken again, which was done, the result being the same.

Mrs. Bickley, as Chairman of the Committee on "Revision of Constitution and By-laws," asked the privilege of presenting the following as an addition to Section 2 in By-laws for Woman's Home Missionary Society for Annual Meeting, and the following clause was presented:

"Provided, also, that in open session one-minute speeches may be made for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the respective offices."

Mrs. Bickley moved the adoption, and Mrs. Turner, Albright, Boswell, Young, and Roach participated in the discussion following, which resulted in its adoption by a rising vote. Mrs. Potter then referred to the subject of co-ordinate Secretaries, and made the following motion:

"That the House make recommendations by ballot as to whom two co-ordinate Secretaries shall be for the coming year, and these recommendations be submitted to the Board of Trustees, by whom they shall be appointed. Mrs. C. Thirkield, Albright, and Thompson spoke to the motion, which was carried. Mrs. Roach moved to adjourn, and this was done after prayer by Mrs. Murphy.

RECEPTION.

The social event of the Convention was the reception graciously tendered by Bishop and Mrs. Earl Cranston in their beautiful apartments in the Ontario, Saturday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. The throng of delegates and friends that enjoyed the hospitality so gracefully dispensed will treasure this happy occasion in memory.

SATURDAY EVENING.

THE delegates and visitors assembled in large numbers in Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, where Rev. M. W. Clair and wife serve so faithfully as pastor and helpmeet.

Mrs. Clair, as President of the Washington Conference and hostess, was happy in her introductions of the speakers, Bishop William Burt, D. D., Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson, Mrs. Delia L. Williams, Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, Mrs. D. B Street, Mrs M. C. B. Mason, and Miss Bessie Garrison.

Dr. Clair had told of his efforts in behalf of a new church edifice to take the place of the one in which they were gathered that evening, and both Bishop Burt and Mrs. Robinson pledged fifty dollars each toward the new church building.

At the request of many guests, some melodies were rendered by the Negro women present to the enjoyment of all.

A most generous banquet was served, closing a pleasant and profitable evening.

SUNDAY MORNING.

AT 10.30 Foundry Church was filled with a congregation intent upon enjoying the privilege of hearing Rev. Bishop Earl Cranston, D. D., LL. D., deliver the Anniversary sermon of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The text was found in Gal. 3:23, 24.

The sermon was prefaced by a rapid but comprehensive summary of the work of the Society, abundantly vindicating the speaker's declaration that the women who have set themselves to tasks so varied, so extensive, and so continually persistent in their appeal year after year, are not engaged in working off any effervescent feminine emotion, but are deliberately and patiently devoting themselves to God's business in the spirit of the Gospel, using every available resource and pursuing their end with extraordinary tact and perseverance. With all that they have achieved they are even now planning yet greater things.

We give but a brief synopsis of the sermon. In unfolding the teaching of the text Bishop Cranston referred briefly to Paul's argument, showing that God's law and God's gracious promises are not in conflict. He pointed out that every law of God has its root in love, however stern and inexorable its demand. The weakness of the flesh had left all under condemnation, necessitating the Gospel of deliverance. But the law was not oppressive nor is the Gospel a compromise of God's holiness.

Quoting Luther Burbank's observation that almost all the plants of the desert are either bitter or spiny or poisonous, and that they have become so in their struggle for existence, and citing Mr. Burbank's success in producing a spineless cactus by giving it better environment, the bishop said that the great plant wizard had only used the Gospel method in dealing with plant life, "just as these women are using the Gospel idea in their efforts to reclaim the people who have been hindered and pinched by hard conditions and desert environment." And yet neither Mr. Burbank nor these women had done anything against natural law, but had simply *used* the laws of nature with benevolent purpose and intelligence.

"Mark you," he said, "it is not the mere *faith* that better things are possible, nor the *hope* for better things, but the *charity* that goes afield to answer the cry of the desert plants and the wail of the struggling millions for a better future, that has robbed the law of its curse and turned its unfailing energy into the channels of wealth and comfort for the people." John Baptist came preaching the law and repentance to the people starving on wilderness fare, but when he saw Jesus, the incarnation of both law and love, he declared that he, the law preacher, was not worthy to unlatch the shoes of this Savior of men.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

DEDICATION OF ROBINSON HALL.

Long before the time fixed—3 o'clock—a throng of interested people assembled for the dedication of Robinson Hall, despite the rain, which interfered with the outdoor services planned. The exercises were held in the beautiful chapel of Rust Hall, and were most impressive and inspiring to nobler deeds for God and humanity.

For program and full account see Special Reports.

The Consecration Services of Longwell Memorial Children's Ward deeply and tenderly touched the hearts of all privileged to be present. (See report.)

SUNDAY EVENING.

THE President, Mrs. George O. Robinson, presided over the Anniversary services. The Rev. Bishop William A. Quayle delivered the Anniversary address to a large and deeply interested audience.

MONDAY MORNING.

THE meeting was called to order by the President, with Mrs. E. L. Welden in charge of the devotional service. The fourth Chapter of John with its story of the first missionary, the woman of Samaria, was read by Mrs. Sheperd and prayer offered by Mrs. Margaret Sweet. Mrs. Robinson paid tribute to the devoted service of Mr. G. W. F. Swartzel, who had so recently welcomed us in behalf of the Methodist Union and who was now seriously ill.

Mrs. Aiken and Mrs. Roach were asked to communicate to Mr. Swartzel and his wife the great sorrow and sympathy of the Society. Prayer for his recovery was offered by Miss Van Marter.

The Minutes of Saturday morning were read by Mrs. Gilbert, and those of the afternoon session by Mrs. Thompson, and adopted.

The report of General Publications as given by Miss Alice M. Guernsey showed the total of sales to be 10,100, a gain of 1,200 on last year.

On motion the report was adopted. (See report.)

Mrs. Aiken submitted the recommendations adopted at the last Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers to take the course provided for in Article X of the Constitution. The necessary steps having been taken, they were on motion adopted. (See Constitution.)

Mrs. Bickley moved that the editor of General Publications be added to Section 5, Article 3 of the Constitution after the regular order of publication of such desired addition shall have been made; it was so ordered.

Mrs. May Keiser, Chairman, offered the report of the Committee on Enrollment, indicating that there were present 204 delegates and 81 officers, making a total of 285 persons entitled to vote. The reading of the report in full was omitted and it is as follows:

The representation included four General Officers, five Vice-presidents, twelve Managers, two Associate Managers, twenty-six Bureau Secretaries, one Associate Bureau Secretary, nine Chairmen of Standing Committees, one Young People's Secretary, one Children's Secretary, two Editors, one Publisher, one Business Manager, twelve Field Secretaries, three Field Secretaries of Young People's Work, seventy-five Conferences, sixty-five Conference Corresponding Secretaries, sixty-eight Conference delegates, forty-four Young People's delegates, twenty-five Deaconess Board delegates.

ENROLLMENT.

President—Mrs. George O. Robinson.

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Recording Secretary—Mrs. F. A. Aiken.

Treasurer—Mrs. George H. Thompson.

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West Wisconsin—Carrie Hazzard,* Mrs. J. W. Shuster,† Miss Carrie Schultz.§

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Wisconsin—Mrs. Mary S. Roberts,* Mrs. A. J. Benjamin.†

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Vermont—Mrs. V. A. Irish,* Miss Mabel C. Silver,† Miss Lena E. Moffitt.‡

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West Texas—Mrs. E. Spriggs Ratliff,* Mrs. S. H. Burgess.†

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The Secretary of Tellers, Mrs. Heber D. Ketcham, nominated the following ladies as assistant Tellers: Mrs. George S. Searle, Genesee; Mrs. R. A. Prescott, Erie; Mrs. J. R. Waters, Detroit; Mrs. W. Bent Wilson, Northwest Indiana; Mrs. Madison Swadener, Indiana; Mrs. K. D. Burnett, Philadelphia; Mrs. R. A. Carnine, St. Johns River; Mrs. A. H. Webb, Vermont; Mrs. O. T. Dwinell, Central Illinois; Mrs. E. W. Mills, Central New York; Mrs. Foss Zartman, West Ohio; Mrs. M. W. Reece, North-East Ohio; Mrs. Schlick, Upper Iowa; Mrs. Fanny Lynch, West Kansas; Mrs. I. W. Lugar, New Jersey; Mrs. E. A. Martin, Wyoming; Mrs. Leslie Stevens, Nebraska; Mrs. E. J. Cobb, North Minnesota; Mrs. A. B. Cline, North Indiana; Mrs. A. P. Hubbell, Rock River Conferences.

The constituency of the Board of Managers was read by Mrs. Aiken, also order of procedure for the election as taken from the rules of the General Conference of 1908 and adopted by the Annual Meeting of 1909.

Mrs. Robinson stated that the new plan of nominating speeches limited to one minute had been adopted in order that new members of the Convention might have necessary information, and believing that God's providence is always better than our plan, she led in prayer that we should be so guided by Divine Wisdom that our decisions should come from clear brains and unprejudiced minds.

All those entitled to vote were requested to stand and be counted, and the chair stated the number to be 275.

A motion made by Mrs. Hill that we proceed to the election of the four General Officers was lost, and a substitute offered by Mrs. Roach that we proceed in the regular order prevailed.

Mrs. Herron was nominated for the office of President by Mrs. Roach; Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff by Mrs. Piatt, and Mrs. Wilbur P. Thirkield by Mrs. Young and Mrs. Charles F. Thirkield.

Mrs. Woodruff requested that her name be withdrawn.

On motion the nominations were closed.

On request of Mrs. Ketcham instruction was given that an action taken at previous meetings, that any person receiving a majority of votes cast for any office should be declared elected, would be continued. On motion of Mrs. Albright it was voted that no ballot be ordered until the result of the previous ballot has been reported by the tellers.

Notice of the time of the reception given by President and Mrs. Wilson was made by Mrs. Street, the time being 2.30 P. M.

Mrs. Robinson gave the intelligence that Miss Mary Lathbury had passed to her eternal home. She spoke of the lifelong affection and devotion of Miss Van Marter for Miss Lathbury, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Williams that the Holy Spirit should comfort all our hearts.

Mrs. Williams informed the Convention that not more than one-half of the work of the Finance Committee had been completed, and asked that Wednesday morning be devoted to this purpose, and it was so ordered.

Mrs. Hilda M. Naysmith presented a carefully prepared Memorial in reference to the law recently passed in the State of Florida excluding

white teachers from Negro schools. The memorial was accepted by a rising vote, as follows:

MEMORIAL.

WHEREAS, In the State of Florida on the 7th of June, 1913,—by the approval of the Governor of said State,—there was added a law to its statutes, making the teaching of Negroes by Caucasians unlawful, and imprisonment and fine the penalty for such an offense;

WHEREAS, We believe that such a law is entirely out of harmony with the spirit and interpretation of the Constitution of our National Government, out of accord with the progress of our country, and out of tune with the advanced Christian thought and leadership, and entirely against the "Golden Rule" of the lowly Nazarene, in whose steps we essay to follow and whose example we endeavor to emulate;

WHEREAS, Fifty years of freedom, with all that such freedom has meant in upward tendencies and splendid achievements, is as a drop in the bucket of racial life of any people, and, therefore, in so short a time, these citizens have not yet been able to develop leaders necessary for their uplift to proper and merited rank in national life;

WHEREAS, We feel that such a law will only retard the progress of the Negro as a citizen;

WHEREAS, We feel that all people living under this Nation's Government should have an equal chance in the race of life, and that it is the duty of the better favored to help the less favored; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in its Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, representing a constituency of more than two hundred thousand members, and from every State of the Union, assembled in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, do sincerely deplore the enforcement of such a law, and register its protest against the enactment of said law, as unconstitutional, unjust to its citizens, unchristian in its spirit, and entirely contradictory to Divine Law and the voice of conscience.

Resolved, That these resolutions be printed in our Annual Report and a copy be sent by our Secretary to his Excellency, the Governor of Florida.

Rev. A. H. Thompson, pastor of Waugh Church, Rev. C. E. Galligher and Rev. Mr. Cummings were presented to the Convention.

"If I were a voice, a persuasive voice," was most beautifully rendered by Mrs. F. Brockway.

Mrs. Woodcock submitted the following, which had been endorsed by the Board of Trustees: That the Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels be permitted to specialize on some one department of work for each year. Adopted.

Mrs. Williams spoke of the appointment of Mrs. D. D. Thompson two years since to the care of the German Conferences. Mrs. Thompson, in reporting, said that these Conferences had been cared for. Valuable service had been given by Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Woodcock, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Longley, Mrs. Sooy, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Mather. Mrs. Thompson thought that Field Secretaries and Organizers should consider their Conferences as under their care.

The Tellers reported the ballot for President as follows: Total number of votes cast, 275; necessary to a choice, 138; Mrs. Thirkield, 130; Mrs. Herron, 113; Mrs. Woodruff, 28; Mrs. Park, 2; Mrs. Jones, 1; Mrs. Woodward, 1. Mrs. Thirkield expressed a wish to withdraw, but objection was made.

On motion of Mrs. Albright it was ordered that when the Tellers report the ballot, the names of persons having less than six votes should not be given, but classed as scattering.

Adjournment until 3 P. M. followed.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

THE opening of the session was delayed until 3.30 o'clock because of the reception graciously given in the White House to the officers and delegates in attendance upon the meeting of the Board of Managers by President and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

With the President, Mrs. Robinson, in the chair, the Quiet Hour was conducted as usual by Mrs. A. C. Peck. The theme was "Joined Unto the Lord," Cor. 6: 17. "God only is the creature's home." Our souls were made for God and can never be at rest anywhere else. "'Twixt two eternities" we are voyagers on the storm-tossed sea of life. God is often compelled to let us bend to the oar until we learn the lesson of human insufficiency.

The President invited Mrs. Herron, first Vice-President, to preside. Mrs. Robinson introduced Miss Hall, a graduate from Thayer Home, who had served five years as deaconess in Atlanta; for six and one-half years she has been a missionary in Africa. Miss Hall said she had been invited to stay at home in our deaconess work; but she felt sure there were boys and girls in Africa who needed her. Miss Hall expressed appreciation for what this Society had done, not only for this community but for the work. Mrs. Herron said it was the privilege of the first Vice-president to preside during the election of officers, but as Mrs. Robinson is not a candidate for re-election, she could with propriety preside. Mrs. Robinson in assuming charge said she accepted, not because she wished to cling to her vanishing power, but to accommodate her friend.

Mrs. Robinson invited Mrs. J. F. Berry, an honorary Vice-president

of our Society, wife of Bishop Berry, to the platform and introduced her to the Convention. Mrs. Berry bowed her appreciation.

Voters were invited within the bar of the Convention and numbered 245. The second ballot for President was taken and the Tellers withdrew. The program was resumed.

The Italian Missions of our Society were represented by the Chairmen of the Committees for this work: Mrs. J. L. Hunt, Utica, N. Y.; Mrs. A. H. Webb, Barre, Vt.; Mrs. Daniel Smith, Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. H. T. Thomas, Tacoma, Wash.

The President said that the vote for President was ready to be given. Mrs. H. D. Ketcham, Chairman of Tellers, announced that 245 votes had been cast; necessary to a choice, 124. . Mrs. Thirkield had received 132 and Mrs. Herron 113. Mrs. Herron at once graciously conducted Mrs. Thirkield to the platform and introduced her to the President. Mrs. Robinson handed to Mrs. Thirkield the gavel, the symbol of authority, with pleasant words. Mrs. Thirkield with much feeling said: "As I stand by the side of my abiding friend, Mrs. Herron, I feel that we need coordinate Presidents. I hesitated before this responsibility, but I believe God will help me. I will do what I can. I lean on you."

Mrs. Herron said: "Mrs. Thirkield and I were chosen as Secretaries by Mrs. Rust for the very first meeting of the Board of Managers, and I believe if Mrs. Rust were here she would have voted for Mrs. Thirkield. You have done what you should have done, and I shall stand by this woman."

Mrs. Roach moved that a telegram be sent to Mr. George O. Robinson, our honored friend, brother and benefactor, informing him that we have complied with his request and released his beloved wife from the presidency of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Carried.

Mrs. Onstott moved that a telegram be sent to Bishop Thirkield of Mrs. Thirkield's election to the presidency of this Society. Carried.

The vote was ordered for first Vice-president. Mrs. Cotton Mather nominated Mrs. Wm. C. Herron; others entitled to vote arriving the voting body was increased to 255. Mrs. Goodman nominated Mrs. George O. Robinson, and as there were no other nominations they were declared closed. The Tellers retired.

Reports from the Italian work were resumed. Mrs. M. L. Rocheleau, Chicago, not being present, her report was read by Mrs. Hubbell.

Mrs. Andrews was introduced and reported the work at Rockford, Ill.

Mrs. Hollingsworth was glad to report for the first time this work in Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs. O. J. Bates reported for Portland, Oregon. The President said Portland did not seem so far away since our visit there on our way to California. On motion all of these reports were accepted. (See reports.)

Mrs. John Calvert, Supervisor of the work among the Bohemians in

Nebraska, said three Conferences have joined in this work. Mrs. Slack spoke of the work in the New York East Conference.

The Tellers returned and the ballot for first Vice-President was announced. Whole number of ballots cast, 253; necessary to a choice, 128. Mrs. Robinson received 148; Mrs. Herron, 105. Mrs. Herron said, "I am sure you will believe me when I say I am proud of my successor." Mrs. Robinson said she would like to make an emotional speech, but that was not her nature; but her appreciation of Mrs. Herron was of long years of association, and she was glad they were to continue. She prized the honor and should serve faithfully.

Mrs. Piatt, of California, moved that the ballot be cast for Mrs. W. C. Herron as second Vice-President and the vote was unanimous. The Secretary, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, on motion of Mrs. Murphy, was instructed to call the ballot of the Convention for Mrs. W. C. Herron as second Vice-president of the Society for the ensuing year and she was declared elected.

Ballot for third Vice-president was ordered. The number of voters had increased to 260.

Mrs. Reynolds, of California, nominated Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff. Mrs. C. P. Thirkield nominated Mrs. F. A. Aiken. Mrs. Clara Roach nominated Mrs. Edwin Hughes, of California. No further nominations. The tellers withdrew.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pearce was introduced and beautifully expressed the interest her mother had in our work, especially the immigrant work. To our immigrant work in Boston she gave the largest donation for its establishment. Mrs. Pearce displayed a picture of her mother that she had been requested to allow placed in the little chapel which bears her mother's name.

Mrs. Gilbert introduced Rev. C. C. McLean, of Harrisburg, Pa.

Mrs. Robinson spoke of the embarrassment she felt regarding the Secretary of State Bryan upon the program of the evening. The ladies upon the program cheerfully yielded their time and Secretary Bryan was accorded the evening.

Mrs. Young read a resolution from the Bureau Secretaries as follows:

Resolved, That we, the Bureau Secretaries, most earnestly request the Program Committee of the Thirty-third Annual Meeting of the General Board of Managers to devote Thursday afternoon and evening to the presentation of reports by those Bureau Secretaries whose duties include the raising of money for their Bureau Work. Adopted.

The President spoke of our Indian work and desired that an Advisory Committee be appointed to receive and consider literature which she had in her possession bearing upon this question.

Miss Bertha Fowler was requested to take the documents and with her Committee, Mrs. W. Bent Wilson, Mrs. D. A. Minard and Mrs. J. H. Freeman, report their investigations to the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Secretary for the Indian work on the Pacific Coast, Mrs. S. W. Beggs, Chairman of Indian work in Kansas, Miss Katherine S. Bassett, Secretary, Polo, Ill., each crowded five minutes full in the representation of their work. Reports accepted. (See reports.)

Mrs. E. M. Taylor, Superintendent of Hull Street Settlement and Medical Mission, Boston, presented a thrilling report of the work of this institution. Report adopted. (See report.)

The tellers were ready to report the ballot for Third Vice-President. Ballots cast, 253; necessary to a choice, 128. Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff received 150 votes; Mrs. F. A. Aiken, 87 votes; Mrs. Edwin Hughes 15 votes. Mrs. Aiken escorted Mrs. Woodruff to the platform. Upon being introduced, she said she appreciated the confidence shown, and as in the past she would be true to the work to the Society and the Church.

Mrs. Perchment nominated Mrs. Mary Fisk Park for Fourth Vice-President.

Mrs. Reynolds moved that at the evening meeting the seats for the delegates be reserved until 7.45. Carried.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. M. D. Rieggio, Jefferson Park, Methodist Episcopal Italian Mission, New York City, and the meeting adjourned until 7.45 P. M.

MONDAY EVENING.

THE session opened with the singing of two stanzas of Hymn 207, "The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord," Mrs. Tabor at the organ. Mrs. Robinson called upon the President-elect, Mrs. W. P. Thirkield, to lead in prayer.

Mrs. Margaret Delight Moors, Superintendent of Detroit Deaconess Home, gave from memory the story of the birth of Christ and of His ministry, closing with this command, "Go Ye," then asking the blessing of the Heavenly Father upon the efforts of the members of this organization as they obey this command.

Three stanzas of Hymn 383 were sung in stirring voice by the large audience.

While waiting for the arrival of the Hon. Wm. Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State, Mrs. Robinson in a few pointed words took the opportunity to explain something of the work of the Society, and called upon Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff to speak for five minutes upon the work of her Bureau in Porto Rico. Into this brief time Mrs. Woodruff crowded many important facts, chiefest of which were that forty-two native girls in San Juan had been baptized this past year, later being received into full membership in the Church. Mrs. Woodruff closed with the statement that in Porto Rico the natives are realizing that the letters W. H. M. S. stand for Woman's Help Means Salvation.

The rendition of "If God so clothed the grass" by Mr. Walter Humphry called forth as an encore the selection "My task."

As Mrs. Robinson called Mrs. Bickley to the platform to present the work of the Immigrant Bureau, Hon. Mr. Bryan entered the room amid hearty applause.

Rev. W. R. Wedderspoon announced the hymn "America," after which in most fitting words Mrs. Robinson presented Mr. Bryan, who was greeted by the audience rising.

Mr. Bryan declared himself as not very familiar with the details of the work of our Society, but he was deeply in sympathy with the object of our endeavors. In his travels he had become familiar with the need of Foreign Missions, and he knew America as a country, so he was ready to state that the two Missionary Societies were supplemental or were the complement each of the other. Mr. Bryan spoke of the mental, physical and moral development of man, feeling that the moral development was too oft neglected. He wished the pangs of moral hunger might be as intense as those of physical hunger. Mr. Bryan realized that the burden of raising the money for the uplift of the moral nature of the world falls unjustly upon women.

The speaker made some comparisons of the Christian and non-Christian countries. The distinction between Buddhism and Christianity is that Buddhism looks down, Christianity looks up. Comparing Confucianism with Christianity—Confucianism was a rule of negative harmlessness, Christianity is positive helpfulness.

Mr. Bryan sounded no uncertain note on the subject of education, declaring he would draw no line of demarkation, but would give to every boy and girl in the world an education, yet he feared that too often we overestimate the mental training and underestimate heart training. Mr. Bryan paid tribute to the Bible as an uplifting and refining influence, and again expressed his pleasure at being counted as one of our warm friends.

Mrs. Bryan was presented to the audience and smiled a greeting.

The report of the Chairman of Tellers on the ballot for the Fourth Vice-President was heard. Number of votes cast 245, necessary to elect 123; Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, 224; scattering, 21.

Hymn 180, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," was sung and the benediction pronounced by Rev. W. H. Wedderspoon.

TUESDAY MORNING.

THE Devotional Service, in charge of Mrs. James Gilbert, opened with singing the hymns "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and "My Faith looks up to Thee," after which Mrs. Gilbert referred with expressions of love and admiration to Mrs. W. P. Hepburn, who was to have led this service, but was detained.

Mrs. Gilbert said Acts 16:13-15 was selected as the introduction to Paul's letter to the Philippians. When did Paul's fellowship in the

gospel begin? Why should we thank God upon every remembrance of the saints at Philippi? Who were the women who helped or labored with him? Let Luke tell of the time and place outside the city where prayer was wont to be made, of the women which resorted thither. Have we such a hallowed spot? Lydia worshiped God; but Paul had a message which fixed decision day in a heart already opened. Is some one waiting for our spoken words? Does our fidelity to the Lord constrain fellowship? The opened heart, the opened home (verse 40), and the Church that communicated with Paul in his affliction suggest an early Supply Bureau; "having received the things sent;" "a sacrifice acceptable;" "well pleasing to God." Let us ever make known our requests "by prayers and supplication with thanksgiving."

Rev. A. M. D. Reggio, pastor of the Jefferson Park Italian Methodist Church of New York City, led in prayer.

Mrs. Robinson then opened the business session by calling for Miss Guernsey to make announcements of the literature.

The minutes of Monday morning's session were read by Mrs. Albright, afternoon session by Mrs. Potter, and evening session by Mrs. Winold and adopted.

The President asked that two verses of the hymn "He Leadeth Me" be sung while the delegates entitled to vote should take their seats, and Mrs. Charles F. Thirkield and Mrs. Roach were instructed to arrange the limitations of the bar.

Mrs. Ketcham, Secretary of Tellers, asked this question concerning the counting of votes: "In case the whole number of votes cast should be an uneven number, would a majority be one-half vote over the one-half number of votes cast? On motion of Mrs. Woodruff, seconded by Mrs. Albright, it was decided that a majority should consist of one and one-half votes over the exact one-half number of votes cast in case of an uneven number of total votes.

At this time a telegram was received which the President announced was from Mrs. W. F. McDowell, the President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and is as follows:

"Hearty congratulations upon the success of your splendid year."

Let us join hands and sing the first and last stanzas of Hymn 568. This request was complied with and all sang heartily the hymn, "Come, let us anew our journey pursue."

Mrs. Robinson appointed Mrs. Albright and Mrs. Bliss a committee to reply to Mrs. McDowell, and they later presented the following reply, which was approved:

"The children of thy elect sister greet thee, and say with Wesley: 'The world is my parish.' Let us take it for Christ."

The President instructed the delegates to rise and be counted, which resulted in the number entitled to vote being 239. Nominations for Fifth Vice-President were then made as follows: Mrs. Perchment nominated Mrs. P. H. Bodkin; Mrs. Seymour Eaton nominated Mrs. C. W. Bick-

ley. The President declared nominations closed. The vote was taken, and tellers retired.

Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Secretary of Pacific Coast Indian Bureau, gave an interesting report of her work among the Digger Indians at Greenville, Cal. At Yuma progress is being made. The new Protestant Government Superintendent in charge of the school helps our missionary in every possible way. At Ericson the work is among the Noosacks and is encouraging. Mrs. Lydia Rouls is the efficient and capable Superintendent, and much credit is due her. This report was adopted. (See report.)

Mrs. Roach came with a request from Goucher College, Baltimore, for a speaker for Thursday evening, the request coming from a young woman who had been a delegate at our Annual Meeting last year. Mrs. Robinson requested Mrs. Neff, Mrs. Roach and Mrs. McCarty to arrange for a speaker to go to Goucher College at time mentioned.

Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, whose election to the Fouth Vice-Presidency was announced at the close of the meeting of Monday evening, was then presented and responded in a happy manner, giving us the "Boundary lines of Happiness" as a compass for the Woman's Home Missionary Society:

North—Love. South—Gratitude. East—Hope. West—Service.

Mrs. S. S. Beggs, Chairman of Indian Work in Kansas and Oklahoma, in presenting her report quoted from Oliver Wendell Holmes the following, saying this was her inspiration in her work: "We must sail, not drift; not lie at anchor, but sail on, sail on." Mrs. Beggs said "we may sometimes sail against adverse winds, but never give up." She reported the work among the Ponca and Pottawotamie tribes as progressing. The day school had been discontinued, but there were 105 young men and women now under instruction and 18 had united with the Church. This work in Kansas was the first school for Indians in the United States. Report accepted. (See report.)

At this time the Secretary of Tellers presented report for Fifth Vice-President as follows: Number of votes cast, 240; number of votes necessary to a choice, 121. Mrs. B. H. Bodkin received 134; Mrs. C. W. Bickley received 29; scattering, 1. Mrs. Bodkin was then presented to the Convention, and said she had been working in the Society for twenty-seven years, and always had its interests at heart.

The President announced that before another ballot was taken it would be necessary to take another count, as many had came in, so the delegates stood and numbered, resulting in 249 entitled to vote.

Nominations for Corresponding Secretary resulted in Mrs. Naomi Day nominating Mrs. D. L. Williams. As no other nominations were made, delegates were instructed to prepare their ballots. Tellers collected and retired.

Mrs. Katherine Bassett, Secretary of Indian Work in New Mexico and Arizona, reported the erection of a building of twenty rooms and

three dormitories on a new site. This had been erected at a cost of $6,000, and was a better building than any of the Government buildings. This would accommodate thirty children, and she was now planning for the erection of a building for boys, and as there remained 85,000 bricks from the supply made for the first building, this would help materially for that work. She wanted also to provide a building for sick people, and urged all to remember this for coming year. A new tract of fifteen acres had been purchased on which was a seven-room cottage named by the Rock River Conference. This report was accepted. (See report.)

Mrs. D. B. Brummitt, Corresponding Secretary of Rock River Conference, arose and announced the name of the Cottage referred to by Miss Bassett as the Katherine Bassett Cottage. Mrs. Mary Fisk Park spoke of the relation of Mrs. Simpson to this Bureau, having been so long the Secretary, and asked that a message of greeting and love be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Simpson. Mrs. Park and Miss Bancroft were appointed to send such a message.

Mrs. Durrell, Chairman, presented the report of Glenn Home. She said the lonesome women in a large city were women to be pitied and helped, and this was what Glenn Home did in providing a home for working girls, where they pay but $3 per week and are allowed the privileges of the laundry. She said the Home was now crowded and an apartment of seven rooms had been rented where fourteen girls had been accommodated. The Travelers' Aid had sent thirty-five girls to the Home in the past year. In connection with this work two kindergartens with two teachers were maintained. Mrs. Durrell said next year a new building would be asked for, and urged the women to have this on their minds and hearts. Report accepted. (See report.)

On Mrs. Campbell's suggestion, Miss DeWitt spoke of the work in the West Wisconsin Conference, where, in a certain district, no Protestant work was being done among a most immoral and drunken Indian population. The work is maintained by that Conference, and two teachers are employed, who care for fifty pupils.

Mrs. H. C. Jennings reported for the Kentucky work, and said that, though our Society had been at work for more than thirty years, with headquarters in Cincinnati, just across the Ohio River, in the mountain section of the State, is a most needy field. She referred to the action two years ago of the adoption of the "Kentucky Twins." Seventy-three students are in day school at Harlan, and the Erie Home, named for the Erie Conference, giving $2,000, provided a house for twelve or fourteen girls. Scholarships were asked for.

Aiken Hall, the proposed new school building at Harlan, to be named in honor of our beloved Mrs. Aiken, was now in the minds of all, and she hoped soon it would be a reality for the Christian education of the mountain boys and girls.

The Secretary of Tellers reported at this time number votes cast for Corresponding Secretary, 246; necessary to a choice, 124. Mrs. D. L.

Williams received 218; Mrs. Albright received 22; scattering, 6. Mrs. Williams was declared elected Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Cotton Mather was asked to conduct her to the platform. Mrs. Williams expressed her gratitude for the confidence displayed by the women in re-electing her to this office, and said she wanted to serve in any place. She was not particular what place, but just some place in the Society, and would try to be faithful in serving the Society and the Master.

The President announced that a vote would now be taken for one of two Co-ordinate Secretaries, the result of this ballot to be submitted to the Board of Trustees, and Mrs. Thirkield was asked to take the chair. Mrs. Robinson then placed in nomination for this position the name of Mrs. E. L. Albright. Mrs. Potter nominated Miss Carrie Barge; Mrs. McCarty nominated Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff. The delegates numbered 255.

Dr. B. S. Haywood brought good tidings that Mrs. Grace A. Haskins, of Binghamton, N. Y., had given $5,000 to name and endow a bed in the Albert Longwell Ward in Robinson Hall, to be named Lucy Cowles Haskin; Grace Dorothy Haskin.

Mrs. David Dailey, Jr., presented the following resolution, which, on motion of Mrs. George O. Robinson, was referred to Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

"Inasmuch as the Young People's Department is of such vital importance to the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church because the future leaders and trained workers must come from the ranks of the Young People's Societies, be it

Resolved, That the Conference Young People's Secretary, by virtue of her office, be a member of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers."

The Secretary of Tellers now announced the result of the ballot for First Co-ordinate Secretary. Whole number of votes cast, 254; necessary to a choice, 128. Miss Carrie Barge received 117; Mrs. E. L. Albright received 104; Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff received 31; scattering, 2.

As there was no election another ballot was ordered and taken.

Mrs. Robinson announced that the Memorial Hour would take the place of the Quiet Hour at the afternoon session.

Mrs. A. C. Peck led in prayer. Mrs. Woodruff, on request, led in singing "Break Thou the Bread of Life."

The Secretary of Bureau for Alaska (Aleuts), Mrs. Parsons, gave the report of her work, which was adopted. (See report.)

The Secretary of Tellers reported as follows the result of ballot for First Co-ordinate Secretary: Whole number of votes cast, 246; number necessary to a choice, 124. Mrs. Carrie Barge received 136; Mrs. E. L. Albright 95; Mrs. M. L. Woodruff 15. Miss Barge was declared elected

and nominations were made as follows for Second Co-ordinate Secretary: Mrs. Buck nominated Miss Bertha Fowler; Mrs. Robinson nominated Mrs. D. B. Street; Mrs. Reynolds nominated Mrs. M. L. Woodruff. By explanation it was made clear that the nomination was only a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

Ballots were collected and tellers retired.

Mrs. R. H. Young, Secretary of Bureau for Alaska (Eskimos), presented her report, which was full of interest. She introduced two young girls, Miss Nellie Tilton, an Eskimo, and Miss Sophia Swanson, an Aleut. Mrs. Young's report was adopted. (See report.)

Announcements were made, the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Haywood, and adjournment followed until 2 P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

THE Memorial Hour, in charge of Mrs. J. W. Price, President of Detroit Conference Society, was substituted for the Quiet Hour. Mrs. Price referred to the cluster of Ascension Lilies on the platform, saying, "If the little brown bulb must first die, that these beautiful lilies might burst into bloom, can God do less for us?"

The Convention stood with bowed heads as the list of our honored dead was read, closing with the words, "These are they which have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Led by Mrs. Leech, the audience sang "When the roll is called up yonder."

Mrs. Ella C. Hartshorn, Superintendent of the Aldrich Deaconess Home, read part of the seventh chapter of Revelations, and led in prayer.

An address by Miss Alice Maud King followed, in which she said, "We commemorate the memory not of the dead, but of the living," quoting "because I live, ye shall live also," "they live not only there, but still live here because of their love for us and ours for them, just as John Wesley and others live because of what they have done, yes—these are not dead, they are just away."

The rendition of "Only Remembered" was a real benediction. In the hush that followed, placing a wreath of laurel over the list of our departed, Mrs. Price read the prayer of Bishop Warren for our dead. (See list.)

At Mrs. Potter's request, Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff lead in singing three stanzas of "One sweetly solemn thought."

At the close of the Memorial Hour, Mrs. Daniel Onstott presented the following resolution, which, on motion of Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Herron, was adopted:

WHEREAS, We have provision in Article 6 in our Constitution for "Memorial Members" by the payment of $1 annually, and

WHEREAS, We are making an effort to increase our General Fund and secure 25,000 new members; therefore,

Resolved, That we try to enroll at least 10,000 memorial members and ask our members and field workers to bring this thought before our women, that the memory of our departed loved ones may be perpetuated.

WHEREAS, We have no place on our report blanks for memorial members, we ask for space both on the Auxiliary, District, Conference and General report blanks; therefore,

Resolved, That such space be provided, and urge Queen Esther Circles and Auxiliaries to keep a separate list and call the roll of Memorial Members once a year.

Mrs. Ketcham, Chairman of Tellers, reported result of ballot suggesting Co-ordinate Corresponding Secretary as follows: whole number of votes cast, 242; necessary to a choice, 122; Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, 89; Mrs D. B. Street, 74; Miss Bertha M. Fowler, 63; Mrs. E. L. Albright, 16. Another ballot was ordered taken.

Mrs. D. A. Minard offered the resolution that any delegate who enters the room fifteen minutes after the election has commenced shall not be numbered for election. Motion was lost.

The Chair stated that Mrs. Dennis, Secretary of the Bureau for West Central States, was absent because of the illness of her husband. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Aiken were appointed to send an expression of regret and sympathy to Mrs. Dennis.

Mrs. Aiken spoke in appreciation of the faithful work of Mrs. Perkins as Secretary of the Bureau for Japanese Work, and moved, in view of her illness, that an expression of regret and sisterly greeting be sent her. Carried.

Mrs. S. S. Holmes, Secretary of the Bureau for Spanish Work on the Pacific Coast, told the story of little Timosa in the Frances DePauw School, which so often expressed herself as "wanting a Mother," and had found such happiness in being adopted by this great Society she earned the name of "Sunshine."

Miss Guernsey presented a Junior Life Membership certificate to Mrs. Holmes for Aimee Sesterros, who had secured 85 points out of the 100 in the competition of Home Guards in our Homes and Schools, for Frances DePauw Home Guards had been most active. Mrs. Holmes' report adopted. (See report.)

The report of Committee on Day of Prayer, replete with interest, Mrs. Mary C. Hickman, Chairman, was presented and accepted.

The President-elect, Mrs. W. P. Thirkield, was called to the chair.

Miss Mary Belle Evans, publisher of *Woman's and Children's Home Missions,* gave a most interesting report, making a plea for a larger list of subscribers. Report accepted. (See report.)

Mrs. Ketcham, Chairman of Tellers, reported result of ballot for suggestive Co-ordinate Corresponding Secretary, total number votes cast,

244, necessary to a choice, 123.—Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, 114; Mrs. D. B. Street, 71; Miss Bertha M. Fowler, 44; Mrs. E. L. Albright, 15.

Mrs. Albright and Miss Fowler withdrew their names and another ballot was ordered.

Mrs. W. P. Thirkield, Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism, said she desired not to give figures but to tell of an atmosphere of consecration in the various Conferences as she learned from her reports. She desired to make the work of this Committee a power in the land. Mrs. Thirkield presented Mrs. T. W. Salter, of Rock River Conference, who told much of interest of the Interdenominational Bible Reading Association, and it was recommended that we join the work of this Association to that of the Committee on Evangelism, which was adopted.

Mrs. Robinson paid tribute to the work of Mrs. Salter for the Society in Chicago in the early years in connection with the Bohemian school.

Mrs. Thirkield was pleased to recommend the name of Mrs. A. C. Peck, of Denver, as her successor as Chairman of Committee on Evangelism. Recommendation approved and report accepted. (See report.)

Mrs. P. D. Perchment offered the resolution that the Standing Committee on Temperance be made a Bureau. Seconded by Mrs. Bickley. The same adopted.

Mrs. O. N. Townsend desired to express her appreciation of the Convention, as she was leaving for her home. Mrs. Robinson felt she expressed the thanks of the body as she said, "Mrs. Townsend had been a veritable spirit of helpfulness in this meeting."

The Chairman of Tellers reported the ballot for suggestive Co-ordinate Corresponding Secretary; total number of votes cast, 251; necessary to a choice, 127; Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, 154; Mrs. D. B. Street, 92; scattering, 5.

Mrs. Robinson, in words full of feeling, spoke of the thirty years of service of Mrs. F. A. Aiken as Recording Secretary, saying she had given the best years of her life in devoted, faithful work, and wondered if the younger women could realize just what thirty years of such a devoted, beautiful life could mean, and asked, "Has it paid?"

Mrs. Aiken was invited to speak, and said:

"Dear friends of long years' standing (and new ones I claim because of our oneness of interest), we have been workers together for the development and growth of our beloved Society, but now have come to the parting of the ways.

"It seems but yesterday since my call to work in this field of the Master's vineyard. As I glance backward I feel that you will pardon the use of the personal pronoun on this special occasion.

"To me has been given the unique privilege and high honor of close association with the founders of this great organization. I was *sought*

by them, taken into their counsels and gradually developed into a working woman.

"In speaking to a friend a few months since of the long years of service, I said our ladies should mention the number of years very softly. 'O, no,' she smilingly replied, 'you were just a mere baby then.'

"Perhaps I was a 'baby' in experience when I appreciated the dignity and importance of having been constituted a special committee to select the hymns for one of the first annual meetings held in Cincinnati, and desiring that they should be most fitting and appropriate, I consulted our Chairman, Mrs. John Davis, who in her graceful way waved me off, and the baby in this work then cut her eye teeth, instinctively realizing that a committee is constituted to do the work.

"Some of the founders rather overestimated my ability when in one of their early sessions I was asked as a visitor to define the duties of the thought of Committee on Finance and Mission Fields, and a voice whispered, 'why she does not know anything about this,' and thus saved me an open confession of ignorance and inability.

"I have since learned what, doubtless, these wise women did not fully understand at that time, the comprehensive significance of the Committee on Finance.

"In 1883 I was invited to attend a meeting of the Executive Board, as the sessions of the Trustees were then called. This meeting was held in the Wesleyan Female College in Cincinnati, and there I was elected Recording Secretary.

"The first Recording Secretary, Mrs. James Dale, having experienced an overwhelming sorrow in the sudden death of her husband, could serve no longer. (Let me add parenthetically that several years later I proposed to resign in favor of her resuming this office, but she preferred other work.)

"Friends, I must frankly tell you that this election caused me anguish of soul you can not fathom. I had been requested by a representative of a sister organization to become its Recording Secretary, but I declined because there seemed too much writing; and now, to take the new work, with its future prospects of enlarged responsibilities; how could I? On the other hand, I remembered that during my five years of invalidism, from which I was emerging, I had asked the Lord to give me health and strength—to give me some Christian work—but I did not want just this kind of work.

"With feelings I need not describe to you, I went into another room and bowed my head in this conflict of self. Dear Mrs. Davis came to me and put her arms around me in loving tenderness and gently said, 'Dear, we want you with us. It will do you good.'

"I could not write the minutes that day, but I took the work as of the Lord, and it *has done me good.*

"Mrs. Rust impressed me with the importance of keeping the records of the Society, and she said in her pleasant way: 'We do not want to

kill you, but we do want to use you.' And so I have had the experience, the discipline and the joy of being used in Band, Circle, Auxiliary, District Conference, Bureau and Board Work.

"To Mrs. F. S. Hoyt perhaps more than any one woman am I indebted for training in methods of work.

"The bumps of approbation in my phrenology were in no wise diminished when the gracious first President, Mrs. Lucy Webb Hayes, said, 'The minutes are interesting.'

"Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Rust, Mrs. Clark and myself were the four women instant in season and out of season in administering the affairs of the Society before the Conference organizations increased, or the Bureaus became helpful agencies, or the Field Secretaries had entered upon their thrilling experiences.

"Perhaps some of you do not know that I used to be one of the few speakers. You may be interested to hear that when I journeyed with Mrs. A. R. Clark to view the landscape o'er on the prairies of Nebraska and select a site for the Mothers' Jewels Home, with its beautiful mission of saving the childhood of the West, it so happened that the Ministerial Conference was in session at York, and while the guest of a good woman I overheard that strong, executive woman, Mrs. Clark, arrange with the local ladies for a Home Missionary meeting in the Conference room. Mrs. Clark very properly constituted herself the presiding officer and announced that Mrs. Aiken would speak. 'Barkis was not willin' this time, but really there was no escape. I had recourse to my Annual Report for some facts and figures, and imagine my feeling when dear Mrs. Clark, perhaps a bit nervous herself, announced, in introducing the speaker, that 'we have plenty of good speakers in the East, but Mrs. Aiken will now talk to you!' Well, Mrs. Aiken was so touched by this inspiring (?) introduction that ever since she has sought the side door of escape when invited to deliver an address, even the Anniversary Address of our Society.

"You ladies of the Conference Societies who have written me to come and address your meetings may now realize that platform eloquence was early blighted, and the question is—did the Society lose or gain by this episode?

"Bishop Walden has said that when, as a youth, he preached his first sermon the only congratulation upon his effort came from one who kindly said: 'Well, brother, you had a good text.' Now, friends, I want you to know I always had a good text, viz.: some phase of the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

"In the early days I wrote without assistance the proceedings of the Annual Meetings. Hastily taking the noonday luncheon, I sought a quiet corner, rapidly wrote the minutes for reading at afternoon session, then I prepared these minutes for the evening meeting, and the minutes of this session were made ready late at night for presentation

at the next morning session. To write until 12 o'clock, or 1 or 2 o'clock, is no unusual experience for Secretaries. Is it any wonder that the brain becomes a boiling caldron?

"Experience developed generalship, and the result was Assistant Secretaries to the relief of the Recording Secretary and acceptability of the Convention. The superior qualifications of these assistants are impressed upon the mind with cameo-like distinctness, and their graphic pencils have brightened many pages of the history of the Society.

"You will concede me the possession of one gift—the gift of continuance. When I was in South Carolina a few years ago there was introduced to me a fine looking negro man, who said in greeting; 'Is this the Secretary who has served so long?' I said: 'Do you not think it speaks well for the forbearance of the people?' and he most respectfully answered; 'Yes, ma'am.' Friends, I comforted myself with the belief that the thought uppermost in his mind was to invite me to occupy his pulpit on the following Sunday.

"Perhaps I have whistled a bit in trying to keep up my courage before uttering the last words, for my heart is stirred with emotions I may not conceal. I am wondering if those noble women who now rest from their labors, whose love and friendship I valued, are not hovering over us in spirit today, and so gratitude is theirs for the impress left upon my character by their example and influence.

"To her whom you have honored with the highest gifts within your power, and whose richest endowment has been yours in return, to my Associate General Officers, the Vice-Presidents and the Managers who together constitute our family known to you as the Board of Trustees, and with whom have existed the closest official relations and personal friendships, my heart goes out in gratitude for forbearance, consideration, courtesy and confidence. To the Associate Managers, Hon. Vice-Presidents, Bureau Secretaries, Field Secretaries, Corresponding Secretaries, Editors and Publishers, delegates, missionaries, deaconesses and friends, let me say that in all the experiences of thirty-years' service, with a mingling of joy and sorrow as sometimes filled life's cup to overflowing, I have been cheered by your love and confidence, or comforted and sustained by your sympathy and prayers.

"My life has been ennobled by the toil and sacrifice and joy of the thirty years' service, and enriched by association and fellowship with the good women of our grand Society.

"One of our Bishops, in writing me recently, said: 'What will the Woman's Home Missionary Society do without you, and what will you do without the Society?' The first question is easily answered; the second is the problem for solution.

"I have one request to make of the Convention, especially in view of the fact that it has been said to me: 'I am going to vote for you anyhow.' I emphasize the request that not one vote be cast for me—use your votes

to elect her whom you may deem best fitted for work as Recording Secretary.

"And now in the solid structure of experience which I shall call my 'house beautiful,' the pencil drops from the fingers, the hand draws the curtain over the windows looking upon the past, not to exclude the vistas, but to shut within the hall of memory *the pictures that are mine,* pictures inscribed with the kindly and loving words at once a comfort and an inspiration.

"Shall the retiring Secretary go into a quiet corner and rest with folded hands? No—rather let her climb the stairway to the tower of her house of experience and from this point of vantage take a broad outlook, discerning the signs of the times for the glorious future of this great organization, and with a heart full of thanksgiving to Him who has graciously permitted her to serve for long years, there renew her consecration and be ready and willing to do even some further little service for the 'Love of Christ and in His Name.'"

Mrs. B. S. Potter, in behalf of the Assistant Secretaries who had served so long under Mrs. Aiken, said that it had been an inspiration to her and to the other Secretaries to serve under Mrs. Aiken. No harsh word, no note of criticism, had ever been uttered by the Secretary to her assistants.

Mrs. Jennings said she thought it would be very difficult to answer the question, "What will the Society do without Mrs. Aiken?" It is to Mrs. Aiken we have always looked for information on all doubtful points. She is really, as some one has said, a regular encyclopedia of missionary information. No correspondent has ever had anything but the kindest words and the most loving sympathy. She has cheered the hearts of many, and has done vastly more than the regular work of a Recording Secretary. Mrs. Jennings was glad the appropriation in her Bureau for Kentucky Work had taken form as a tribute of appreciation of Mrs. Aiken's work, and many hearts were rejoicing that the new school at Harlan was to bear this honored name—"Aiken Hall"—for the education of the boys and girls of the Cumberland Mountains.

Mrs. Jones, in behalf of one hundred of the friends scattered over the length and breadth of our land, said, "It affords me very great pleasure to present to you the large Assembly Room and Study of the Elizabeth L. Rust Home, which has been named in your honor for $500, and also the 100 chairs costing $125, the gift of the West Ohio Conference, and the beautiful sewing cabinet secured by Miss Guernsey, we will acquaint you from time to time with the names of Conferences or friends who present furnishings for your room. After thirteen years of service Miss Becker is rejoicing that from now on the dishes will not need to be piled at the end of the dining room tables while the girls study in that room. We wish to express by these gifts our appreciation of your faithful, painstaking and exceptionally valuable services as Recording Secretary for thirty years. We feel it most fitting that the Study

be named for you that your devotion to duty be an example to the girls who are permitted to prepare themselves for their life work in this Home. We wish to assure you of our love and to express the hope that your life may be spared to the Society for many years."

Then, quietly and smilingly, her face and whole personality speaking the love she sought to express, Mrs. Jones slipped a little, closely-wrapped package into the hand of Mrs. Aiken, in defiance of the ruling that there be no presents this year, announcing that it was just a little token of the love of her friend.

Mrs. Minard, the third who was permitted a word of appreciation, said: "I would that I possessed the silver tongue of the orator, that I might fittingly express the love and appreciation of your sisters in this hour of your retirement from active service as our Recording Secretary.

"Your ever ready courtesy in answering countless questions and putting the touch of the personal at the close of every letter has been more greatly appreciated than you can know. Your valuable service in so accurately keeping the records has been of untold value, especially during the very recent years, to our beloved Society. Because of this and the love of your many friends they delight to place a tablet of appreciation on the wall of the receiving room in beautiful Robinson Hall. To all who must pass as they enter or leave the Hospital, its marble walls will speak of our enduring love. Your own Cincinnati Conference has delighted to furnish this beautiful tribute to your faithful service."

With deep emotion Mrs. Aiken expressed in fitting words her heartfelt gratitude for these tributes and the loving words expressed in their presentation.

Rev. Wm. H. Wilder, D. D., desired to add his word of tribute to the retiring Recording Secretary, saying he had been stirred to the depths of his heart by the resignation of so ready, so accurate and helpful a woman.

Miss Jennie Smith, the Railroad Evangelist, was presented, telling of her attendance upon the first Annual Meeting of this Society in the year 1881; also Mrs. Emma F. Robertson, General Secretary of the Florence Crittenden Mission.

Mrs. Margaret Delight Moors spoke of the Morning Watch which had under the leadership and guidance of Mrs. A. C. Peck been so helpful to the Convention, and recommended that the "Morning Watch" be held in the auditorium on Wednesday morning, the closing day of the Convention, taking the place of the usual devotional hour. Adopted.

The President told of the illness of Senator Henry M. Teller. Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Aiken were requested to send a note of loving sympathy to Mrs. Teller.

On motion of Mrs. Roach a message of sympathy to Miss Van Marter was authorized because of the calling of her friend, Miss Mary A. Lathbury, to the higher life. Mrs. Roach and Mrs. Perchment were asked to write such a message.

The President called for nominations for the Special Committee on Thayer Home. The following were appointed: Ladies A. E. Griffith, R. H. Young, J. W. Price, S. J. Turner, H. L. Hill.

Nominations were made for the Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. C. Jennings nominating Mrs. Susie Aiken Winold; Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff presented the name of Mrs. D. D. Thompson; Mrs. W. Bent Wilson that of Mrs. H. D. Ketcham.

After the collection of the ballots, the session adjourned, Rev. W. H. Wedderspoon pronouncing the benediction.

TUESDAY EVENING.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ANNIVERSARY.

AT 7.45 Mrs. Wilbur P. Thirkield, President-elect, occupied the chair. Mrs. H. J. Jeffries, as organist, favored the audience with a voluntary. The Queen Esthers' "Forward Song," written by Mrs. Charles W. Gallagher, of Lutherville, Md., and arranged for the tune of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," verily was an inspiration. The Processional was under the direction of Miss Florence N. Wedderspoon, who with the flag in hand preceded ninety Queen Esthers dressed in white, each wearing on the left arm in order, the red, the white, the blue. Though marching in single file, they were as "one body" in the touch of the hand upon the shoulder of the one "going on before." About sixty Secretaries and a goodly number of Circle members followed.

Mrs. George R. Linkins, of Washington, D. C., in prayer voiced her thanksgiving for salvation, and desired that in this Christian land, with whole-hearted service the young women may bless all nations as Christ shall guide. Mrs. David Dailey, Jr., presented greetings from Mrs. George O. Robinson, who was unable to be present.

Mrs. W. P. Thirkield considered it an honor to be asked to preside; "a pleasure to look into your faces," in the young in heart, in the young in years, power is stored up. Keep near to the power; keep near to Christ. The helpful, like Elizabeth Fry and Florence Nightingale, began in youth, and responded to the touch of the divine. You are factors in the New America—glory will come through your influence.

Mrs. David Dailey, Jr., gave an encouraging report of the Department of Young People's work—1,926 organizations, 36,530 members; dues $13,378; from all sources, $77,818.03. (See report.)

Pittsburgh Conference led in finance, and Christ's Church, Pittsburgh, raised the largest amount as an organization. The Flag, twice the property of Foundry, Washington, D. C., was presented to Miss Cameron for the Conference, and the Banner was given to Christ's Church.

Mrs. J. M. Plyley accepted the banner for the Holston Conference because of the largest proportionate increase.

"The Lord is my Shepherd" was rendered by a quartette and received with appreciation.

Miss Carrie Barge, Field Secretary, said she was reminded of a little boy who had received both a pistol and a gun as presents. In firing off the pistol he said, "Go it little gun, big gun is after you." According to the program Miss Fowler will follow. We quote but in part: "This is a practical age. The greatest tasks that ever confronted a people lie before this nation; young people, yours is the strength, the courage, the optimism. This is the time of social awakening; Christian leaders are needed; those seeking to regenerate, to give the pure uplift of Jesus, this alone will solve the problems of the hour. Queen Esthers, 37,000 strong, let each seek to save one. During a recent Conference at Silver Bay, fourteen nationalities were present; a Russian girl, Kaleshova, just four weeks in this country, said of Russia, 'It is a sad country, it needs Jesus, bring Jesus to our people.' They are Christless, Bible-less. The world must be in our thought. We have but touched the fringe of opportunity."

Miss Bertha Fowler, Superintendent of the Deaconess Home in Philadelphia, in introducing her theme, said: "By the time I have finished you will think that the little gun has used all the ammunition of the big gun."

On a June morning the Lord Chamberlain of England and the Archbishop of Canterbury rode out of Windsor, where had died Henry IV, to Kensington, where lived a young woman of eighteen summers. They announced their presence to the attendant at the door, who said that the young Victoria was sleeping so sweetly that she could not be disturbed. The distinguished guests said: "We have come on business of state, and even the slumbers of the young Victoria must give way." In a few moments the beautiful Victoria was presented to them, announced as their new sovereign, and a week later was crowned Queen of England. As young women have you too come into the Kingdom for such a time as this, limitless in opportunity? Choose not the temporary; choose the more lasting, the soul-satisfying; more Christianity more likeness unto the lowly Nazarene.

There should be a fund for expansion, thus doubling usefulness; a longing to help some one else; deaconesses should come out of these Circles; missionaries should multiply. Spiritual life and spiritual insight will answer the call of opportunity. Go after the young women of your Church; have a campaign for membership, develop friendship.

John Mott, on his first visit to foreign lands, thought, "They need more missionaries;" on second visit, "They need more native workers;" and on the third, "They need more of the power of God." Thus can you meet, greet and beat the difficulties.

At the State Fair in St. Louis Sousa's Band was in lead. The great concourse quieted as music caught their ear. From one quarter came the strains of "Yankee Doodle," from another "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean;" from the third, "My Country 'tis of Thee;" from the fourth,

"The Stars and Stripes Forever;" from Sousa, "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

Methinks when the last is said and done, we shall hear from cotton field and mountain, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul,;" from the adobe hut, "Plenteous Grace with Thee is Found,;" from Alaska and the frontier, "Other Refuge Have I None;" from the city street, from the children, "Jesus Loves Me;" from the attic and the basement, "Rock of Ages;" and our Woman's Home Missionary Society, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Adjournment followed the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and benediction by Rev. B. S. Haywood, D. D.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

THe devotional service was in charge of Mrs. A. C. Peck, whose theme was "Joined Unto the Lord!" "He that is joined unto the Lord is one Spirit." Jesus Himself beautifully illustrates this relationship when He says, "I am the vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in me and I in him the same bringeth forth much fruit," adding the searching truth we need ever to keep in mind "separated from Me ye can do nothing."

Joined unto the Lord, our Vine, we, His branches, become partakers of His life—the Holy Spirit. As we abide, by faith, in Him, fully yielded to His will this life-giving Spirit causes us to bring forth much fruit to the glory of God the Father, who, as the husbandman, faithfully prunes each fruit-bearing branch that it may bring forth more fruit.

"Joined unto the Lord," one Spirit with Him, He so dwells in our hearts by faith that we, "being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend the breadth and length and heighth and depth, and to know the love of Christ that passeth knowledge," being "filled unto all the fullness of God." Language fails to express the love of God manifested through Christ to us.

Joined unto the Lord prayer becomes our "vital breath," and there is wrought in our hearts, by the Holy Ghost, the faith of God; the faith that "calls the things that are not as though they were."

Mrs. Woodruff, Third Vice-President, took the chair and announced the hymn "A charge to keep I have."

The minutes of Tuesday morning session were read by Mrs. Thompson; afternoon session by Mrs. Winold, and evening session by Mrs. Gilbert, and adopted.

Mrs. Susie Aiken Winold, in making report as Editor of *Annual Report,* said that the experience of this year verified the saying that "he who runs may read," for it was those who gave early orders that were supplied. The report was accepted. (See report.)

On motion of Mrs. Dailey the 10th day of November was fixed as the limit of receiving reports to be embodied in the Annual Report, and that matter coming after that time be not entered.

The report of the Bureau for Reading Circles and Mission study was given by the Secretary, Mrs. Cotton Mather. She characterized this as the most important Bureau of the Society, the Bureau of Information and Inspiration, and urged upon the Presidents and Secretaries present the need of emphasizing this work more in their respective Conferences.

Almost 15,000 readers are now reported. Idaho Conference was awarded the banner for the largest per cent of increase. Report accepted. (See report.)

In reporting the Bureau for Immigrants, Mrs. C. W. Bickley, Secretary said God had written upon tablets of stone His care for the strangers within our gates, and that we in obedience to His commands, must not only protect these at our gates, but also follow them to their homes. If we do not help them, they will materially affect our civilization. Report adopted. (See report.)

The Chairman of Tellers reported the ballot for Recording Secretary as follows: Total number of votes cast, 248; necessary to a choice, 125—Mrs. D. D. Thompson, 105; Mrs. Heber D. Ketcham, 73; Mrs. S. A. Winold, 68; scattering, 2. Mrs. Ketcham withdrew her name as a candidate. Mrs. Winold also withdrew her name, but the Chair ruled to the contrary. A second ballot for Recording Secretary was ordered.

Two stanzas of "A charge to keep I have" were sung.

The report for the Bureau for North Carolina was given by the temporary Secretary, Mrs. Albright, and the newly-elected Secretary, Mrs. A. B. Cline. Report accepted. (See report.)

Mrs. Robinson spoke of the generous gift of Mr. A. B. Cline of $1,000, and on motion of Mrs. Aiken the new dormitory for boys was named Cline Hall.

Mrs. Woodruff, Secretary, in speaking of the work in Porto Rico, paid tribute to the excellent work being done by Mr. and Mrs. Murray. She said their girls were going out well fitted for positions of influence. The report was adopted. (See report.)

A letter from Mrs. Swartzell gave information of the improved condition of Mr. Swartzell, our friend, and expression of his pleasure in his association with us, and regret at being unable to be in Convention.

Miss Elizabeth Pierce, President Washington District, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, said that she had been born into *both* Societies, and rejoiced in the beautiful blending of our mottoes and badges, "Saved for Service;" "For the love of Christ and in His name." "E. Pluribus Unum," "United we stand." She joined in the cordial welcome already given to this city.

The tellers reported the second ballot for Recording Secretary as follows: Total number of votes cast, 198; necessary to a choice, 100—Mrs. D. D. Thompson, 120; Mrs. S. A. Winold, 66; scattering, 12. Mrs. Thompson was declared elected.

Mrs. Herron presented Mrs. Thompson, who assured the Convention of her interest and loyalty, and said she would do the best she could.

Nominations for Treasurer being called for, Mrs. Park nominated Mrs. George H. Thompson. On motion the nominations were closed.

Mrs. McCarty, Secretary of the Bureau for Alabama and Georgia, gave a cheering report of the work in her Bureau, and exhibited a picture of the new Home at Cedartown, Georgia. Report adopted. (See report.)

Mrs. Kent expressed gratitude to all who had helped her work in New Mexico and Arizona, and introduced Mrs. Harris, missionary at Tucson, who said in reply to questions as to whether our work had been embarassed by conditions in Mexico that nothing serious had occurred, though some girls had difficulty in reaching the Home. Fifty-six girls were in the Home last year and six had graduated.

Mrs. Ward Platt, Associate Secretary, spoke of the work at El Paso, Texas, and Harwood Home at Albuquerque. Report adopted. (See report.)

Miss Jean Oram submitted a resolution asking that the Program Committee for next year give one session to study of Methods of Work and nominated Mrs. O. N. Townsend as Chairman of that session. Adopted.

The tellers reported the ballot for Treasurer as follows: Total number of votes cast, 192; necessary to a choice, 97—Mrs. George H. Thompson, 175; scattering, 17. Mrs. Thompson was declared elected and Mrs. Perchment presented her to the Convention. Mrs. Thompson said she considered it an honor to be called to this service and thanked the Convention for this honor.

A motion made by Mrs. Dailey that a printed ballot be prepared for the next Annual Meeting was adopted.

The ballot was ordered for twelve Trustees. Mrs. Park said Mrs. Gosling had asked her to be her voice in asking for the privilege of withdrawing her name as a candidate for the position of Trustee, desiring to nominate in her place Mrs. F. A. Aiken.

Mrs. Herron called attention to the vacancy caused by Mrs. D. D. Thompson's election to another office, and nominated Mrs. J. H. Race, of Cincinnati, wife of Dr. Race, Publishing Agent. Other nominations were made as follows: Mrs. Roach for Mrs. O. N. Townsend; Mrs. Dailey for Mrs. C. W. Bickley; Mrs. Bodkin for Mrs. Anna Kent; Mrs. Thompson for Mrs. E. L. Albright, Mrs. Murphy for Mrs. D. B. Street; Mrs. Wilson for Mrs. Heber D. Ketcham. Mrs. Woodcock read the names of Trustees as they appear in this year's report.

Mrs. Herron First Vice-President, was called to the chair.

Mrs. Robinson called attention to an appeal asking care of a young boy, and Mrs. Dodson was requested to investigate the application, and if advisable take the boy to the Mothers' Jewels Home.

Mrs. H. S. Earle Secretary of Bureau for Mite-boxes, reported total receipts $43,603.38, an increase of $7,498.01 over last year. Banner

remains with the North Indiana Conference for the largest amount of money. Report accepted. (See report.)

Mrs. H. L. Hollingsworth, Chairman of Permanent Missionary Fund, reported a nucleus of $410 for this Fund, to which Mrs. Park added a memorial gift of $100. Recommendations were referred for further consideration. (See report.)

Mrs. Wedderspoon, wife of the pastor of the Church, was introduced and spoke a word of greeting.

Mrs. Willis of California presented the matter of an exhibit at the Panama Exposition at San Francisco in 1915, and stated that space for this could now be obtained. Mrs. Parsons, after discussion, moved that we have such an exhibit. Mrs. McCarty moved that an appropriation of $300 be made for the beginning of this enterprise. Carried.

The recommendations offered by Mrs. Willis regarding Mormon action were referred to a committee of ladies, Willis, Potter, Fowler, Barge and Hawk.

Dr. Haywood announced that the Upper Iowa Conference, through its Secretary, Mrs. Haywood, had pledged a bequest of $5,000 coming from the will of Mrs. Harmony Clark Crossett, a member of St. John's Church, Davenport, Iowa, to the National Methodist Hospital of the Woman's Home Missionary Society to be used in providing a woman's ward in Robinson Hall. This money to be paid within five years from date of death, June 17, 1912.

Mrs. Woodruff offered the ladies leaflets for Immigrant Work prepared by the Council of Women.

A deficit upon our *Convention Daily* of $70 was provided for by an offer of 100 copies for $5, and this offer was accepted by the following Conferences: Detroit, Colorado, California, Northeast Ohio, Southern California, Newark, Central Pennsylvania, New York, Central New York, Rock River, Pittsburg, Des Moines, Michigan, and Mrs. Gosling for the Cincinnati Conference.

Mrs. Mather asked that any sample copies be sent to the pastors of the Idaho Conference, and the Northeast Ohio generously gave the 100 copies to which they were entitled to this Conference.

Adjourned until 2 P. M. with benediction by Dr. Haywood.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

AT 2 o'clock Mrs. A. C. Peck conducted the Quiet Hour. Two stanzas of "All hail the power of Jesus' name" were sung. Mrs. Ward Platt led in prayer that the spirit of peace and joy might abide with us.

Mrs. Peck said that the basis of thought in all our meetings had been identification with Christ. To-day our theme shall be "Glorified together." The lesson and pictures portrayed that we may be partakers

of His glory were such as to induce us to strive to be worthy of the light and love and peace of the continued presence of the Master. Closing the hour, Miss Pearce led in singing "That will be glory for me."

On motion adjournment was had for the final meeting of Committee on Finance.

At 4.40 the Committee on Finance adjourned and the report was adopted.

Mrs. H. D. Ketcham, Secretary of the Bureau for Mississippi, presented her report, which was adopted. (See report.) On motion of Mrs. Roach the Board of Trustees was authorized to borrow $12,000 for erection of Bennett Hall at Mathison, Miss.

The Secretary of Tellers announced the result of ballot for twelve Managers, and they were declared elected. (See page 3.)

Nominations for Associate Managers were made as follows: by Mrs. Daily for Mrs. C. W. Bickley; Mrs. Jones for Mrs. H. D. Ketcham; Mrs. Bunyan for Mrs. E. Y. King; Mrs. Albright for Mrs. D. A. Minard; Mrs. Perchment for Mrs. O. N. Townsend; Mrs. Potter for Mrs. L. H. Bunyan; Mrs. Swadener for Miss E. G. Oram; Mrs. Hill for Mrs. Balsinger; Mrs. Jennings for Mrs. Len Gilbert; Mrs. Jones for Mrs. John Neff. Those entitled to vote numbered 167. Vote was taken and tellers retired.

Mrs. W. P. Thirkield, Chairman of Committee, presented the following:

WHEREAS, Our honored President, Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson, after five years of faithful, efficient service, tireless in effort, unselfish in zeal, and strong in administrative ability; has tendered her resignation and withdrawn from the President's office, therefor,

Resolved, First, that we, as a Board of Managers, express our highest appreciation of her devotion to duty, her generous gift of culture and mental acumen to the interests of the Woman's Home Missionary Society; her power of initiative in planning methods of advancement; her ready co-operation with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; her painstaking study of our nation and its needs; her stirring words of appeal to Methodist womanhood, resulting in a brilliant administration, rich in victories for our cause; therefore,

Resolved, Second, that we rejoice in her abiding influence through the Halls and Institutions bearing her name, and her continued activity through her close alliance with the Board of Trustees.

Resolved, Third, that we make special mention of the true and loyal husband, Hon. Geo. O. Robinson—with perfect sympathy and generous gifts, he has aided our leader and our work.

Her faithful ministrations and loving thought of him who needs her care, reveal the high qualities of womanly, wifely duty; and call forth admiration and respect for our retiring President.

We recommend that a copy of these resolutions be placed upon the minutes and a copy be given to Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson.

Mrs. W. P. Thirkield, Mrs. L. W. Price,
Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Mrs. C. L. Roach.
Mrs. A. C. Peck,

On motion of Mrs. Minard the resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

Mrs. Robinson expressed her gratitude for this expression of love and appreciation, and assured the women that so far as her health and family duties would permit she would devote her life to the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Mrs. C. W. Bickley, Chairman Committee on Revision of Constitution and By-laws, presented the following:

We recommend the following changes and additions to the Constitution and By-laws as printed in the Annual Report of 1912-13:

Page 398, Article 3, Section 1 revised to read: The officers of the Society shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, three Co-ordinate Corresponding Secretaries, and twelve Managers (making in all twenty-three). Carried. Article 2, Section 3; Strike out "eleven" and insert "nine" shall constitute a quorum. On motion of Mrs. Potter this was laid on the table.

Page 390, Section 5. Insert after Secretaries of Bureaus, Associate Secretaries of Bureau; after Mothers' Jewels insert "Secretary of Finance," and after that "Editor and Publisher of General Publication," followed by the clause in reference to Conference Societies. We recommend further that we revise the clause "the Corresponding Secretary of and one delegate from each Conference" to read, "Also the President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of each Conference Society." This recommendation created extensive discussion.

Mrs. Boswell moved to amend by adding the clause "and one delegate." The recommendation with the amendment was adopted by a rising vote. Benediction was pronounced by Dr. Wedderspoon and adjournment followed until 7.45 P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

AT 7.45 the session opened with the fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, in the chair. Miss Mary A. Knapp, Superintendent of Deaconess Home, Indianapolis, Ind., read the hymn "I love to tell the story." Mrs. D. Olin Leech led the Convention and Mrs. T. L. Jones presided at the organ.

Rev. Thomas Harrison, an evangelist, familiarly known as "the boy preacher," in being introduced, said: "I have enjoyed these days of your meeting because of my mother's love for this organization." In his prayer he thanked God that we were on the way to heaven; that at the close of the day Jesus is here; that in the clasp of the friendly hand we feel His presence. May we all go home to be better and to do better.

The hymn "Lord, I hear of showers of blessings" was sung prayerfully.

The minutes of Wednesday afternoon were read by Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Thompson and adopted.

Miss Alice M. Guernsey brought greetings from the Interdenominational Council of Women for Home Missions, now having eighteen denominations interested.

The tellers announced the votes for Associate Managers, and they were declared elected. (See page 3.)

Mrs. Goodman moved a vote of thanks to the Tellers, which was unanimously carried.

Mrs. Lilly Leonard Slack, Chairman of Committee on Organization, submitted report, which was referred to Board of Trustees for adoption or revision. (See report.)

Mrs. Park read the report of Committee on Place, showing that invitations had been received from First Church, Syracuse, N. Y., Central New York Conference, and from Williamsport, Pa., Central Pennsylvania Conference. Mrs. Williams moved the acceptance of the invitation from Central New York Conference, seconded by Mrs. Minard.

Mrs. Charles F. Thirkield offered as a substitute the acceptance of the invitation from the Central Pennsylvania Conference, which received a second.

Mrs. E. M. Mills, of Syracuse, spoke, emphasizing the invitation of her Conference.

Mrs. B. E. Staples, of Jersey Shore, urged the acceptance of the invitation extended by her Conference. A happy sparring of wit on the part of the two representatives ended by a rising vote in favor of Syracuse as the place of the next Annual Meeting.

Mrs. C. W. Bickley moved a vote of thanks to Central Pennsylvania Conference for their kind invitation. Carried.

The selection of "Jesus only" was rendered by the Quartette to the appreciation of all.

Mrs. B. S. Potter, Secretary of the Bureau for Utah, reported

briefly, and presented some anti-Mormon resolutions for the consideration of the President of the United States. The Convention adopted these appended resolutions, authorized them signed by the General Officers and forwarded to the President of the United States:

WHEREAS, The practice of polygamy and other principles of Mormonism in Utah and ten other States continues to be increasing disgrace and menace to our civilization, and

WHEREAS, Three-quarters of a million citizens of our country are subject to an absolute authority—a hierarchy—whose doctrines are repudiated by some nations and whose propaganda is under strict surveilance by other nations, while our own Government is helpless against this national menace by reason of constitutional limitations, and

WHEREAS, The only remedy whereby the vice and crime and suffering attendant upon polygamy can be stamped out is an amendment to the Federal Constitution, giving Congress authority to pass laws prohibiting the practice, and

WHEREAS, Twenty-nine States have presented to Congress the petition necessary for this purpose, and the end of the battle is in sight;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That every Auxiliary in those States where such a petition has not been presented, use every method suggested by our Society, viz.: by petitioning their State Representatives and Senators, and by every other means in their power, to induce the State Legislatures to join in the petition to Congress necessary to secure the amendment required; and to this movement we pledge our allegiance and effort until the anti-Polygamy Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is an accomplished fact.

A motion also prevailed reaffirming the desire of this Society for a Constitutional Amendment prohibiting the evil of Mormonism in our country.

Mrs. Anna Hobbs Woodcock was granted one moment, in which she presented one banner to the Cincinnati Conference for the largest increase in membership in the Children's Work, another banner to the Southern California Conference for the largest increase in amount of money raised by the children.

Mrs. C. W. Bickley, Chairman of Committee on Revision of Constitution and By-laws, submitted further report, which was discussed: That the Conference Young People's Secretary be by virtue of her office a member of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, was accepted and referred to take the usual course.

That there be a Standing Committee on Auditing and Finance. Report adopted.

Mrs. W. Bert Wilson, Mrs. J. H. Fruman and Mrs. D. A. Minard were appointed such Committee.

Mrs. Aiken offered a recommendation from the Board of Trustees that there be a Superintendent of the Bureau for Mission Supplies and three Associate Secretaries. Approved.

Mrs. Aiken presented the appended names, nominated by the Board of Trustees for Honorary Vice-Presidents, and they were elected by acclamation: Mrs. J. W. Gosling, Mrs. Levanda G. Murphy, and Mrs. W. P. Hepburn.

Mrs. Aiken paid tribute to Mrs. Gosling's long years of association and work with the Trustees, and the President, Mrs. Robinson, appointed the following committee to prepare resolutions of appreciation: Mesdames P. M. Waters, L. H. Bunyan, and J. E. Piatt.

Mrs. Susie Aiken Winold was elected Editor of the *Annual Report.*

The Recording Secretary submitted the names as recommended by the Trustees for Field and Reserve Field Secretaries, Bureau Secretaries, Standing Committee, Editor, Publishers, Auditors, and they were confirmed as printed on pages 11 to 35, inclusive.

The recommendation of the Trustees that Miss Carrie Barge and Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff be appointed Co-ordinate Corresponding Secretaries was approved.

The report of the Conference of Corresponding Secretaries electing Mrs. Naomi Day as Leader and Mrs. Dan Brummont Secretary for the ensuing year, was approved.

The actions of the Conference Presidents' Association electing Mrs. J. W. Price as President and Mrs. Jennie Beyer Secretary, was approved.

The report of the Conference Treasurers' Meeting electing Mrs. K. S. Burnett, President, and Mrs. Geo. March, Secretary, was also approved.

A recommendation that the retention of half dues be no longer allowed, but accepted, the promise under the Bureau for Sustentation of retaining twenty-five cents for each member except in cities where there are Deaconess Homes was approved.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted report through Mrs. Seymore Eaton, which was adopted. (See report.)

Mrs. P. M. Watters, in behalf of the Special Committee to draft resolutions of appreciation of Mrs. J. W. Gosling, offered the following, which were adopted and a copy directed sent Mrs. Gosling:

WHEREAS, Mrs. J. W. Gosling has for thirty years given her heart and her hand in loving service for the Master, in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and

WHEREAS, by her devotion, by the hospitality of her beautiful home, and by her constant loyalty to the work she has endeared herself to all who know her, and

WHEREAS, She is now retiring from her official duties in the Society, therefore

Be it Resolved, That we greatly appreciate her faithfulness and consecration; and though she lay down her activities as Manager, we shall still rejoice in her sympathetic interest, and will trust that great blessing may follow her in her endeavor to further promote the work of the Kingdom.

Mrs. Potter presented the following:

WHEREAS, We have not yet secured proper and sufficient information regarding the Mormon exhibit in the Federal Building at the Alaska-Yukon Exposition,

Resolved, That we of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in meeting of the Board of Managers assembled in Washington, D. C., sustain the women of the Pacific Coast in the exercise of their good judgment in any action taken concerning Mormon exhibits in the Panama Exposition of San Francisco in 1915.

Committees on Woman's Home Missionary Society Exhibit for Panama Exposition, 1915, were approved as follows:

California Conference—Mrs. E. R. Willis, Mrs. M. C. Smith. Southern California Conference—Mrs. C. A. Westenberg, Mrs. J. B. Green. Oregon Conference—Mrs. Homan. Puget Sound Conference—Mrs. H. P. Thomas. Columbia River Conference—Mrs. U. F. Hawk.

A motion by Mrs. Williams that a footnote be added to the report of the year concerning a mistake in last year's report as to preparation of the report to the last General Conference was approved.

On motion all unfinished business was referred to the Board of Trustees.

The minutes of the closing session presented by Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Winold and Mrs. Albright, were adopted.

Mrs. Aiken offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Assistant Secretaries have with ability and painstaking accuracy efficiently served in recording the proceedings of the Convention, therefore,

Resolved, That this body heartily join the Recording Secretary in tendering them deserved recognition in a rising vote of appreciation and thanks.

Mrs. Robinson said her closing thought was the acceptance of all done at this meeting as under the ruling of God's providence.

Mrs. Williams led in prayer of thanksgiving for the Divine Presence and Leadership during the meeting.

"God be with you till we meet again" was sung. The prayerful words "the Lord watch between me and Thee while we are absent one from another" were uttered in unison and the President, Mrs. George O. Robinson, declared the Thirty-second Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church adjourned.

MRS. F. A. AIKEN, *Recording Secretary.*
MRS. E. L. ALBRIGHT,
MRS. B. S. POTTER,
MRS. D. D. THOMPSON,
MRS. JAMES E. GILBERT,
MRS. SUSIE AIKEN WINOLD,
Assistants.

Annual Address of the President.

Mrs. George O. Robinson.

Long ago Solomon said, "The wise man's eyes are in his head, but the fool walketh in darkness." There is no greater cause for which noble, strong Christian women can use their eyes and minds and hearts than Home Missions. We use the name glibly enough, and often fail to realize that Home Missions includes every modern movement for the betterment of humanity—temperance, better housing for the poor, reform of child labor, white slave traffic, care for the Indians, uplift of the colored people, the Christianizing of foreign nationalities. All of these and many more great causes are embraced in the comprehensive term, "Home Missions."

Now, if the task confronting us is so mighty, we must be like Solomon's wise man. Our eyes must be in our heads. We must study our tasks. We must know accurately the conditions of our problem. The delegated body of women before me are commissioned as leaders in our Society, for you would not be here as delegates if you were not considered leaders in your own homes.

The Arabs have a proverb:

"He that knows not and knows not that he knows not—he is a fool; shun him.

"He that knows not and knows that he knows not—he is simple; teach him.

"He that knows and knows not that he knows—he is asleep; awake him.

"He that knows and knows that he knows—he is a wise man; follow him."

If you are a leader, you must know that you know. This requires study and hard work. Delegates can not come to Washington and be sight-seers; you must be here and learn to know the work you represent.

Our Society has made great growth during the last five years, and yet our machinery for work has changed but little. We must now study our various lines of work and our methods, and find out how we can improve and perfect that which we have so far used.

Mr. Lloyd George, England's famous upholder of the rights of the common people, lately said: "The time has come for the thorough overhauling of our conditions. That time comes in every enterprise, commercial, national, and religious, and woe be to the generation that lacks

the courage to undertake the task!" Because such a time has been reached in the growth of our Society, I am having what the Quakers call "a concern of mind" that places upon me the obligation to lay some thoughts before you.

Let me bring to your attention some features of our Indian work.

Our Indian Problems.

The Hon. James Bryce in a recent speech directed attention to the new conditions that are becoming universal throughout the world. He says, "The weaker and backward nations are disappearing; the stronger nations are becoming stronger."

This is brought about by various reasons. While the vices of the stronger nations, such as drunkenness, for example, injure the weaker nations, the stronger nations have become stronger because they understand the conditions of right living.

The "Council of Women for Home Missions" and the "Young Woman's Christian Association" have both been considering "the very real and grave dangers that meet the young women of the boarding schools when they return to Indian reservations." An Indian work that has been most successful has been done by the Reformed Church of America. This work is something in the line of Settlement Work. Mrs. Mary Roe, of the denomination, says: "Experience and loving interest in the Indians on the ground have led us to supply a place, at first perhaps only a room and a welcoming heart, where many Indian women, young and old, could seek refuge in the crisis of life, and find help and safety and encouragement.

"We have tried to supply some kind of self-supporting work, and to use the stay of the women there as a time to give useful and helpful instruction by the matron. The existence of such a 'city of refuge' should be made known to the Department at Washington, and be advertised in the Government schools, which specially minister to the locality. The door should be wide open to come, and just as wide to go, for no Indian woman can be really helped if not free." "Our experience is that the expense of maintaining such a place is not great. A little intelligent planning will enable the women to support themselves. The place should be a home. I have found that it is the pure, sweet Indian women who have availed themselves of its shelter." "In other words, the work is largely prevention."

The Reformed Church has conducted such a work in Oklahoma, Nebraska, and New Mexico, among the Arapahoes, Cheyennes, the Winnebagoes, Apaches, and Comanches.

These facts directly apply to the work of our Society among the Indians.

Our Stickney institution is in a lonely place, some way from the railroad. We own a fine piece of ground, a schoolhouse, a Home, and

have loaned ground to the adjacent Church. Our able and devoted missionary is capable of large and important service.

Many of the Indian children attend the public schools. The boys prefer the public school, because, as one boy said, "There are more boys and a baseball nine."

The Nooksack Indians are dwindling in numbers, there being but one hundred and seventy-five, and of these some are planning to move to Canada. During the last year twenty-four adults and children died.

The public schools can now do much for these children, and were it understood that the children were due there, the truant officer would see that they were there. For this reason, and because the Indians are so widely scattered, it is not wise to return to the old-time boarding school. One of our wise women, who made a study of this work on the ground, says: "What we need to do is to uplift the family. The homes on the reservations are poorly kept. Some of the little children show evidence of scrofula and other unwholesome diseases. The mothers need to be cared for, and no one could do this as well as a Christian matron to visit among them and they in turn to visit our Mission Home."

The Indian girl home from boarding school is a great sufferer; also the Indian boy, but he can get along better than the girl. He is ridiculed and treated in a manner that breaks down all the ambition that school has given him, and he reverts to the blanket and tepee life. The Indian girl has indignities heaped upon her, and often her life is made unbearable.

We want to co-operate with the public school, and supplement school education with moral and spiritual instruction, that they can not get unless we give it to them.

The land owned by the Nooksack Indians is much of it poor, undeveloped land that would require the life-time work of one man to get it into condition to make a living from it as a farm. The people are poor, and their homes are represented to us as badly kept, many of the women and children going barefoot during the winter. All agree that the condition of these Indians is much better than had we never worked among them, but that the time has come for a change.

Indian work ought to be gotten down to a science, and we ought to attempt to work among Indians as scientifically as we work in our settlements.

After due deliberation, our Trustees recommend to you that this small work at Stickney, while National and paid for by the treasury as heretofore, be put in the special care of a committee of our women within the Conference where the work is located.

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This work, within the bounds of the California Conference, is also a small work, difficult of access; even from San Francisco it takes three days to go there and return.

The Indian Association is now planning to do something more practical and definite for all the Indians of California.

The North California Indian Association has made direct overtures to the California Conference Society for interdenominational work among the remaining Indians in the north part of the State, and the Conference Society has already arranged for delegates to meet with them in November.

The California Conference women say: "We can have our own Conference Committee, and with but little comparative expense to the General Society, we could visit the work once or twice a year. This would be the better plan, since distances out here are so great. Then, it is a real advantage to co-operate with other Indian associations."

The Trustees also recommend that this small mission be put in charge of the California Conference, its expense to be paid as heretofore from the National treasury.

The Yuma Mission in Arizona.

I have not been able to secure the data for the present conditions of Indian work in this Mission. Later—am informed that there are 900 Indians here ministered to, and that the Society appropriates $1,100 unconditionally for this work.

Indian Work in Kansas and Oklahoma.

The largest number of Indians in any State are in Oklahoma. Within the bounds of this State Indian missions is a live and growing subject. There will be a large field of service.

A visit to the Indian School at Lawrence, Kansas, last January, convinced me that our Kansas women are studying their Indian problems in a modern way, and that we must arrange for an expansion of the work in their charge.

The Navajo Mission.

This mission in New Mexico touches a large tribe of Indians, and the Bureau Secretary is arranging for an advance in the better teaching of scientific agriculture. The question of methods of obtaining support from the well-to-do Indians toward the better help of their less fortunate Indian brothers is the one that will engage our attention in the future.

To sum up facts about our Indian population, I will give you returns from the United States Census of 1910.

"The census of the Indians has been summarized, showing that there are 323,000 Indians in the United States. The great body of Indians, we learn, live between the Mississippi and the Rockies. One-third of the whole number—117,000—are in Oklahoma, where the five civilized tribes have so long resided. The next largest settlement east of the Rocky Mountains is in the Dakotas, where there are 28,000 Sioux. Minnesota has 11,000, and Montana 10,000, made up of Crows, Blackfeet, Cheyennes,

and Flatheads. Between the Rocky Mountains and the Sierra Nevada there are 71,000, 57,000 of these being in New Mexico and Arizona, among whom are 30,000 Navajos, who have a reservation about the size of Pennsylvania. The chief reservations east of the Mississippi river are in Michigan and Wisconsin, where there are 17,000 Indians, mostly Chippewas, and in New York State, where the descendants of the Iroquois, in number 6,036, live on six reservations, under one agent. The reservations in Maine, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Florida have only a few hundreds on them. Kansas has 1,317; Colorado, 860; Nebraska, 3,832; Alabama, 900; Iowa, 364."

As a conclusion, permit me to recommend that we follow the example of Congress, which appoints Commissions to study difficult problems. I would recommend to this body that a Commission be formed of those of our number who are making a specialty of work among Indians, with a Chairman especially adapted to guide in large and intelligent study.

If you authorize the Commission, I have the Chairman ready to recommend to you.

White Slave Traffic.

We Christian people have been accused of concerning ourselves with the woes of the people far remote from us and not seeing the woes that stare us in the face in our own homes. For two years I have presented to you the call for service connected with the white slave traffic.

I still believe that a great society of Methodist women should stand on record as actively opposed to this great evil.

We are told that there are over 600,000 white slaves in the United States at the present time, and this means that at least 120,000 new girls will be needed next year to take the place of those who shall finish their short career this year. The Vice Commission of Philadelphia, appointed to study conditions, made their report last April. In a certain section of the city were found 3,311 houses of bad report; eighty-three per cent of their inmates were American-born, and their earnings brought to their wicked owners six million and a quarter dollars a year. You are not surprised that a vice which so ministers to wicked greed is hard to exterminate.

"New York is the center of the white slave traffic, not simply for the United States, but also for Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, and Canada. This is the statement made in the first report of the Bureau for Social Hygiene."

The same report says that thirty thousand women are sold into slavery every year in New York City alone, and that their earnings annually are $57,200,000. But while this is an enormous loss of money, the loss in the breakdown of health is still more awful.

Greed and lust—the worst passions of men—are fighting for this terrible vice. It is not alone the weak and desolate, the evil-disposed that are affected; no rank in life is without danger to its daughters.

Can I ever forget the appalling story told me by the President of our Society in the New England Southern Conference, concerning the beautiful Epworth League girl who disappeared, never to be found, when going from her home, a few miles from Boston?

Vitally connected with this same topic is that of "The Living Wage." The living wage is the least amount that the father of a normal family of wife and three children should receive, so that his labor can support the family. In the New York *Christian Advocate* for August appears one of the best short articles on this subject, by William Monroe Balch. To quote his words, "We can not possibly go to the extreme, unless of caution, in now assuming wherever in the United States wage-earners receive less than $600, that they receive less than a living wage."

The same problem touches the lives of all unsheltered young girls. Let me again quote William Monroe Balch: "The under-pay of girls means that less than a living wage offered for their labor is in constant competition with the luxury offered for their shame. It is a mere quibble to debate whether the low wages of girls compel them to prostitution. It can not be debated at all that the under-pay of men and women alike creates a system under which all young girls who are poor, ignorant, exhausted, and disheartened are finding it as hard as possible to be chaste, and as easy as possible to be unchaste."

Child Labor.

Is our Society setting itself aright before the world on the subject of child labor? England has long been suffering from the deterioration of her working people by child labor, and now we in the United States are beginning to feel and realize its baneful effects. Long hours of confining labor break little children both in body and mind. Most of them in turn bring into the world a generation of weak and wretched children, hopelessly condemned at best to a miserable existence of hard labor, deprived of education and of the wholesome development of play.

Here in America we have a standing army of child laborers 1,700,000 strong. Robert Hunter says, "We could never forget the sight of a hundred of these little ones if they were marched out of the mills, mines, and factories before our eyes." One million, seven hundred thousand children, so the statistics say, "but you can not put tired eyes, pallid cheeks, and languid little limbs into statistics." The pathos of the whole situation lies in the fact that they do not realize what they have lost; life has lost its real and richest meaning.

When the great ship the *Titanic* was slowly settling down into the ocean, the officers stood with loaded pistols and said, "Women and children first." There was no dispute. Strong men stepped aside. They understood the unwritten law that the more helpless the human being, the greater demand upon the strong to save him.

Let us by word and example strengthen the hands of all who are

fighting to protect our child-life from greed and avarice. I am not sure but that our Children's Department should in some way emphasize our co-operation.

In spirit let us join in this beautiful prayer, offered by a great minister: "O Thou great Father of the weak, lay Thy hand tenderly on all the little children on earth and bless them. Bless our own children, who are life of our life, and who have become the heart of our heart. Bless every little child-friend that has leaned against our knee and refreshed our soul by its smiling trustfulness. Be good to all children who long in vain for human love or for flowers and water and the sweet bread of nature. But bless with sevenfold blessing the young lives whose slender shoulders are already bowed beneath the yoke of toil, and whose glad growth is being stunted forever. Suffer not their little bodies to be utterly sapped, and their minds to be given over to stupidity and the vice of an empty soul. We have all jointly deserved the millstone of Thy wrath for making these little ones to stumble and fall. Grant all employers of labor stout hearts to refuse enrichment at such a price. Grant to all citizens and officers of States which now permit this wrong the grace of holy anger. Help us to realize that every child of our Nation is in very truth our child, a member of our great family. By the Holy Child that nestled in Mary's bosom, by the memories of our own childhood joys and sorrows, by the sweet possibilities that slumber in every child, we beseech Thee to save us from killing the sweetness of young life by the greed of gain."

The Jubilee of Emancipation.

This year of 1913 celebrates fifty years of universal liberty in America. It has been termed the Freedmen's Jubilee. The first work of our Society was initiated through the sense of responsibility of Christian women toward the Negro women and children in the South. It is therefore fitting that we should give at least a short study toward what has been done in these fifty years.

A half century is a short time in which to raise an entire race to a high position of independence and advancement. It took centuries for us Anglo-Saxons to develop from the untutored people of the woods and morasses of Central Europe to the best specimens of the race to-day, and if we strike the average in any large city we are not too proud of the result. The picture of conditions after fifty years is a mixed one. The Report of the "National Association for Negro Advancement," dealing with the public schools for Negroes in the Southern States, has some discouraging revelations.

This report states that, relatively speaking, the cause of Negro education has been going backward in the last ten years.

Here are the conclusions of the report:

"1. The appropriations for Negro schools have been cut down, relatively speaking.

"2. The wages for Negro teachers have been lowered, and often poorer teachers have been preferred to better ones.

"3. Superintendents have neglected to supervise the Negro schools.

"4. In recent years few schoolhouses have been built, and few repairs have been made; for the most part, the Negroes themselves have purchased the school sites, schoolhouses, and school furniture, thus being in a peculiar way double taxed.

"5. The Negroes of the South, except those of one or two States, have been deprived of almost all voice or influence in the government of the public schools."

It is further declared that of the children from six to fourteen years of age, not fifty per cent have "a chance to-day to learn to read and write and cipher correctly." "Inadequate accommodations, short terms, some of them only seventy days, poorly trained teachers, these are the conditions in every one of the Southern States, West Virginia alone excepted, while Negro teachers receive on an average one-half the pay of white teachers."

No critic has more bitterly assailed some of the conditions in the South than did the influential Southern paper, the Atlanta *Constitution,* in May, 1913.

Here are some of its sentences, contending that in taking note of the needs of the Negro abroad, we should not overlook the Negro at home:

"But—what about the Congos of the Southern States? We make the statement advisedly—there are conditions more appalling, needs more clamorous, in the Congos of the South than in Africa's darkest Congo. It is needless to tear one's self from home and people or to go into voluntary exile in a distant land to reach our own Congos. They abound in every Southern State. They are almost within the shadow of steeples of our many Methodist churches.

"Here are hundreds of thousands of Negroes, immoral, unsanitary, lawless, ignorant—barbarians—jostling our white population every day. They need the grace of God at least as much as their crude brethren in the Congo jungle. Here is a black man's civilization, threatening it with disease, paralyzing it because of inefficiency, preying upon it with crime, steadily going downward, as experts with candor will testify."

The present experience of our own Society and our Freedmen's Aid Society in Florida causes us to stop and wonder whether the wheels of progress are turning backward in this peninsular State. Perhaps you would like to hear this amazing law:

"An Act Prohibiting White Persons from Teaching Negroes in Negro Schools, and Prohibiting Negro Teachers from Teaching White Children in White Schools in the State of Florida, and Providing Penalty Therefor.

"Section One: From and after the Passage of this Act it shall be unlawful in this State for White Teachers to teach Negroes in Negro Schools, and for Negro Teachers to teach in White Schools.

"Section Two: Any Person or Persons violating the provisions of

this Act shall be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars, or by Imprisonment in the County Jail not to exceed six months.

"Section Three: This Act shall take effect upon and after its passage and approval by the Governor.

"(Approved by the Governor, June 7, 1913.)"

You will note that this law does not forbid the superintending of colored schools by whites. In many parts of Florida there are white superintendents in Negro schools.

Our Society has therefore decided to be law-abiding, until the law shall have been set aside by the courts, and while sending down white women to superintend our schools at Jacksonville and Ocala, have been engaging Negro women to do the teaching. We ought to thank God that we have found brave women who will go down and live in our schools and plan and work and superintend under such hard circumstances. There are plenty of women who for conscience' sake would have continued to teach and test the law by going to jail, but the best advice counseled us not to pause in our good work, to continue schools, but meanwhile striving as far as possible to be law-abiding even with an unjust law.

We are now awaiting developments to find out whether in this year of our Lord 1913, the Jubilee year of the emancipation of the race, United States courts will hold that it is a penal offense to teach Negro boys and girls their A-B-C's and to add to the effectiveness of the colored young women of Florida by giving them industrial training.

From an economic viewpoint, one wonders why the State of Florida prefers her Negro inhabitants to be ignorant rather than intelligent. Statistics show that illiterates are worth one hundred and fifty dollars per year to a community; partially educated persons, three hundred dollars per year; a graduate of a High School, one thousand dollars; a college graduate, from fifteen hundred upward. Merely from the money value to the community, one would suppose knowledge and training would be preferred to ignorance.

Let us now turn to the brighter side of the fifty years' record. In spite of short school terms, meager facilities, and legislative embarrassments, Negro illiteracy has decreased, as shown by the census reports.

In 1870 there was 79.9 per cent of illiteracy; 1880, 70 per cent; 1890, 57.1 per cent; 1900, 44.4 per cent; 1910, 30.5 per cent. The four millions who were emancipated fifty years ago have become ten millions, and more than six out of every ten can read.

The Negro problem is not decreasing in importance. It is said that every tenth person in the United States is a Negro, and three hundred new Negroes are born every day.

The General Conference Appeals presents the brighter view. It says: "The first half century in the education of the Negro furnishes a record unmatched in the history of any race. Multitudes have acquired homes and farms. . . . A host of Christian teachers have become centers of

intellectual activity. More than two thousand well-equipped Negro physicians minister to their race. Forty thousand churches, built at a cost of fifty million dollars, are a standing testimony to the moral life and earnestness of the Negro race." The white men and women of the Christian Church have been helping the Negro, and the time has not yet come for them to cease helping. They themselves entreat our aid.

Last winter in Florida I spoke before an audience of Negro Baptists, and when I had finished the preacher said: "Won't you come again? We need the help of you white people. Come and teach us. We don't know how to do; come and teach us." Was not that a Macedonian cry? Does this Scripture apply here? "Now we that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak." This is no time to lessen our work for the Negro race.

Some of the Reforms Advocated by Our Society.

No reforms can be initiated and carried to immediate success. Homer Folks, of the Charity Organization Society of New York, says: "Reforms grow by constantly working away at them. Do a little, and then do a little, and ever keep on and do a little."

We can claim this as the method of this practical and efficient Society.

Temperance.

Take, for instance, the co-operative temperance work of our Society. Our Temperance Chairman is constantly inciting her Conference workers to renewed effort and scattering that breath of life, good literature. This work of strengthening temperance sentiment is indeed a grand one. There is need of it. Just note the dimensions of the evil we are combating. We find from the *American Grocer,* whose estimates of the "drink bill" of the Nation are accepted as authoritative, that in the year ending June 30, 1912, the consumption of malt and spirituous liquors and wine totaled for the year $1,630,187,252. Just try to imagine what that vast sum of money would do for the betterment of the people if it could be used—say for good roads or suitable housing for those crowded together in squalid and unhealthy tenements. Just try to imagine what it would do for our schools and missions, could we divide this huge sum among them! When you buy a loaf of bread or a yard of cloth, you get something for your money, but this vast sum is spent for something worse than nothing. It buys only deterioration, decay, heart-breaks, sorrow, and bitter anguish.

Mormonism.

The special work of the Woman's Home Missionary Societies of the evangelical Churches of the past year has been to speak, to work, to pray against the iniquities of Mormonism. I believe there has been a mighty upheaval of conservative thought and policies as the result of

the work of these Christian people. But we must not relax our efforts. Let us continue to work for the constitutional amendment that will forever remove this sore evil from the body politic. Let us each also promise to write to our congressmen and senators, asking that they sanction no appropriation that would make it possible for the United States to give place to a Mormon exhibit in a Government building at Government expense, as was done at the last Yukon-Alaska Exposition in Seattle. The Secretary of the Bureau from Utah has been asked to prepare such a memorial form and present it at this meeting ready for such as ask for it.

Immigration.

Our special subject of study for the coming year is to be Immigration—a timely subject. Our United States has become one of the great industrial nations. The cheap labor of Southern and Eastern Europe has been used for our mines, manufactories, and a wide variety of industries.

"Of 160,000 employees in bituminous coal mining in Pennsylvania in 1910, 107,000 were foreigners." "In thirty-eight principal branches of industry, only one-fifth of the wage-earners were native white American, while three-fifths were of foreign birth. Eighty-five per cent in sugar-refining are foreign-born; seventy-two per cent in the clothing trades, and in all American industries such proportions are found." There has never been in the life of the world such a vast movement and mixing of races. The majority of immigrants now coming to us are sturdy, able-bodied peasants, thirty-five per cent of whom admitted in a single year could not read or write in any language, and the large majority of whom knew no English. Frances Kellar well describes their needs: "They are strangers, and must find homes; they are unemployed, and must find work; they are ignorant and of great faith in the new country, and must find protection; they do not know our language, which is essential to industrial progress; there are children to enter our schools, and women entitled to rights and privileges as yet unknown to them; when saving begins, safe-deposits must be found; because the families of many immigrants are still in the home country, savings must be shared and a safe means of communication found." Such are the "Strangers within our gates," and as such we must care for them.

The study books for the coming year give us many practical directions for special aids to immigrants.

Cohesiveness—Team-work.

Races of men and societies of women achieve greatness or fail of achievement according to their cohesiveness or lack of cohesive qualities.

The Netherlands and Denmark are nations small in numbers and yet they rank among the influential nations because they possess a solidarity of race and a strong national sentiment.

The Slav people of Europe number more than one hundred and sixty millions, and yet with all these millions they are a subordinate people, because they are shorn of their power by internal jealousy and tribal antipathies.

But still more is demanded of a society than cohesiveness. I told you last year that team-work means "the subordination of selfish desires and ambition to the common good." "No single game victory and certainly no championship will be won in the football season by any one independent player. The great feats will be accomplished by the method known as 'team-work.' Strength supplementing skill, ambition for the individual subordinate to glorying in the triumph of the whole."

Team-work is fundamental in the work of a great Society like ours. "It takes the finest kind of courage to be fair, to be honest, to be loyal, and these are absolutely necessary in good team-work."

Never could we have grown in numbers, in income, in influence, and in power for good, had we not had a vast number of loyal women who are subordinating self in their labors to the one great common good. Our colossal Home Mission task could not be accomplished save for the overwhelming preponderance of such workers.

"How shall one chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight," save from the peculiar acceleration and momentum of united action?

It is a joy to the heart to be permitted to bring these thoughts to your consideration. May God bless them and make of them seedlings cast in your soul, which shall ripen with time into a glorious harvest.

Fellow-workers, I rejoice to be one of you. I rejoice in the privilege of sharing in your burdens and being glad in your successes. This is the life that counts. Let me use the words of the poet and tell you of that life:

"The life that counts must toil and fight;
Must hate the wrong and love the right;
Must stand for truth, by day, by night—
This is the life that counts.

"The life that counts must helpful be;
The cares and needs of others see;
Must seek the slaves of sin to free—
This is the life that counts.

"The life that counts must hopeful be;
In darkest night make melody;
Must wait the dawn on bended knee—
This is the life that counts.

"The life that counts must aim to rise
Above the earth to sunlit skies;
Must fix its gaze on Paradise—
This is the life that counts."

Thirty-second Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Mrs. Delia Lathrop Williams.

Historical.

Our dear Mrs. McCabe said recently, in being introduced to speak at a meeting, "It is thought to be a sign of advancing years for one to become reminiscent. I shall therefore not indulge in reminiscences, but only present a few historical facts." This I hope to be indulged in doing.

The Society was organized by a few women in Cincinnati by the adoption of Constitution and By-laws in June, 1880. The first annual meeting was held in October, 1882, in which progress was reported from June, 1880, to June, 1882. The first year was of necessity a year of preparation, so results to be printed upon paper were confined largely to the second year. The net receipts were $7,623.57, which included a bequest of $1,165.75. The membership was not reported.

Ten years later (1891-2) the number of Auxiliary members reported was 40,566, and Circle members 4,063. The receipts were $118,290.27 cash, and $8,399.74 vouchers—total, $126,680.01.

Ten years after (in 1901-2) there were reported 70,008 Auxiliary members, and 8,694 Circle members; and the receipts were $135,200.23 cash, and vouchers $107,779.27—total, $242,979.50. The large increase in vouchers was the result of the rapid growth of deaconess work, organized in 1888.

Ten years later (1911-12) we reported 125,553 Auxiliary members and 33,785 Circle members. Cash receipts, $306,908.34, and vouchers, $416,472.55—total, $723,380.89.

The present year (one year later) our Treasurer reports $376,948.18 cash, and vouchers, $429,143.18—total, $806.091.36.*

Behold how great a fire a little spark struck out in 1880 has kindled! No person who had to do with the beginnings, in the utmost of her imaginings, conceived of such results as have already appeared; and may I add that the faith of the women who hear me to-day have as little

*Note.—If the cash supplies be added, $95,531.04, the total income for the year will be $901,622.40.

conception as they had of what may be accomplished in the future by this God-given agency if we keep humbly dependent on God, united in the one and only desire to serve Him and to advance His Kingdom among men.

Work Completed this Year.

This has been a year of completing work already under way, rather than one of undertaking new enterprises. The large wing added to the E. L. Rust Home, at Holly Springs, Miss., has been finished, adding greatly to the capacity as well as to the comfort of the Home. This is now one of our best properties in the South, and is valued at $20,000. The new wing can be named for a gift of $2,000. Some Conference or Conferences might contribute this amount and give the new hall the name of one of their early workers who has not remained to see what God has wrought.

The Immigrant Home at Boston has been completed and furnished at a cost of $33,000. More than half this amount has been raised in the New England Conference. The Home was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies and has been serving its benevolent purpose since that time. All obligations are paid or provided for. The superintendent says the United States flag by day and the illuminated cross at night bids women and children welcome to this place of rest and sisterly ministrations.

Miss Bassett reports a property of fifteen acres at Farmington, New Mexico, all under ditch with water-right secured; also a new building to accommodate thirty children completed, good out-buildings, the ranch well stocked, and all free from debt. She further reports the purchase of an adjoining fifteen acres, with a small cottage, having upon it a great abundance and variety of fruit. She expects to see this later purchase fully paid for by the end of the present year. The entire property is valued at $22,000.

The much coveted Settlement House at Cedartown, Ga., has been completed and is occupied by very grateful and very happy young women, who are doing a heroic work among a mill people. They will conduct a day and a night school, besides all their other duties.

A building has been purchased at Harlan, Ky., which is used as a Home for girls and a school, some classes being accommodated outside. Household economics and normal training are taught, as well as common English branches.

Olive Hill (Ky.) work is occupying a ten-room house, which was opened this month for pupils. A kindergarten of sixty-three children has been in successful operation during the year.

The California women are pushing forward to keep pace with their rapidly growing State. The Southern California Conference has added to its Woman's Home Missionary Society buildings a small property at

San Pedro, from which Miss Sanborn not only meets the ships, but has been permitted to hold religious services with their crews. They have also bought a very excellent property for $6,500 at San Diego for an Immigrant Home at that port of entry. Their new hospital building will soon be ready for occupancy.

The Settlement House at El Paso, Texas, in view of the condition of things in Mexico, was opened none too soon. It is primarily for work among the Mexican population, and provides for all lines of work carried on in settlement homes. It is of substantial brick, two stories and basement, built at a cost of $10,000. It was opened for work Christmas, 1912, and is called for the donor of the largest gift from one source, the Rose Gregory Houchen Settlement House.

Work Begun or Contemplated Soon.

A boys' dormitory is a necessity at Mitchell Home, Misenheimer, N. C. The school is for both sexes, and those in charge believe boys away from home should have oversight and guidance, hence the necessity. About $10,000 will be required.

For several years we have felt that a forward step should be taken at Mothers' Jewels Home, York, Neb., and this conviction has finally developed into a movement. Electric lights, a steam heating plant, a steam laundry, and a good brick building for chapel, dining-room and kitchen, kindergarten, and schoolrooms, all seem to be necessities. This main building will cost $20,000, and is to be called "Spurlock Hall." Twelve thousand dollars is in the treasury for this enterprise.

Bennett school building and the Home for girls are already under way at Mathiston, Miss., and will, it is hoped, be ready for occupancy the coming year. Then will follow a boys' dormitory. The Society will have a fine plant here, to be developed as rapidly as money is secured for the purpose.

The building for a training school for household economics for colored girls at Atlanta, Ga., has not yet materialized, but so many good women are interested that we hope to see the time soon when funds will be in hand to justify the beginning of this exceedingly desirable institution for the preparation of colored teachers of the domestic sciences. Such teachers are needed in all the colored schools, and we have plenty of fine girls waiting for the preparation.

The Eliza Dee Home, in Austin, Texas, a small-sized, private house, has been entirely outgrown in this beautiful capital city, and is to be replaced by a suitable modern building as soon as the means in hand will justify the expenditure. It is estimated that it will require $20,000.

The new Haven Home, at Savannah, Ga., is not yet begun, but will probably be built the coming year. The money for it is well in hand.

The necessity for a special religious work in Gary, Ind., a city of foreigners, has resulted in the gift of three lots just where they are

needed, worth $3,000. The donor is the Official Board of the Gary Methodist Episcopal Church. At the recent Northwest Indiana Conference annual meeting it was voted to build during the coming year a settlement house on this property, at a cost not to exceed $6,000. The property will belong to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Northwest Indiana Conference.

Deaconess Work.

This form of Christian service is demonstrating its value wherever it is employed. There are now four hundred and forty-five deaconesses in actual service in the various forms of work in which they are engaged, and double the number could be placed in fields where harvests of vast value would be the immediate reward. Young women who feel called to religious work are urgently asked to consider this opportunity for sacrifice for the love of Christ.

A new Deaconess Home, a gift to the Society by Mrs. Wm. M. Field, of Wilmington, Del., called in memory of her parents the "Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home," was dedicated by Bishop Berry on May 15, 1913. The house is well adapted to club, kindergarten, and class work of various kinds, and is becoming a fine settlement center.

A new Deaconess Home has been purchased in Detroit, Mich., which, with the Tillman Avenue Mission, is valued at $30,000. This is a good property, and is free from debt.

The new Buffalo Deaconess Home for Children with its sixty-six acres of land has but just begun its labor of love for friendless little ones. It is for both boys and girls, and will give excellent training in out-of-doors employments.

A new twelve-room house has been purchased in Duluth, in which seven deaconesses are located.

A new Settlement Home, three stories and basement, near the river front in Albany, N. Y., has been purchased, and such changes made as adapts it to the uses designed. Gymnasium, Sunday school room, sewing room, and domestic science room are all provided for in the building. The cost is $4,000. The deaconesses employed reach two hundred children, Italian, Syrian, and other nationalities.

A Deaconess Home has been opened in Indianapolis, Ind., in a rented property, the rent the first year being paid by a friend. The house is well furnished, and occupied by six deaconesses. Interest is growing, and plans are under way for building very soon.

At the close of this meeting the dignified and substantial main building of the Kansas City Training School for Missionaries and Deaconesses, which has cost about $70,000, is to be dedicated. This school now claims a place for itself at or near the head of the line of the training schools of the Society, both in numbers and character of its graduates. The school has a marvelous field for expansion between the "Father of Waters" and the glorious Rockies.

Hospitals.

Robinson Hall, the main building of the Methodist Hospital in Washington, D. C., has been completed and is partially occupied. You are invited to assist in its dedication by your presence and your prayers on Sunday next. Already it has entered upon a period of service for which thousands will bless those who by their labors and gifts have made its ministries possible.

The trustees of a hospital at Rapid City, in the southwest part of South Dakota, in June, 1912, agreed to deed their property, valued at $25,000, to the Woman's Home Missionary Society if the Society would assume the responsibility of its care and maintenance. In November, 1912, this was done, and those most familiar with its present work and future possibilities are most unhesitating in its praise.

Early this year Mrs. Carrie Holden, of Litchfield, Ill., deeded her home to the Woman's Home Missionary Society for hospital purposes. The property is well located and consists of a good house, with sufficient land for expansion, with water, sewerage, and all modern improvements. A low estimate of value is $15,000. The building is already doing good service, and the need of enlargement is apparent.

A medical dispensary has been added to the mission of helpfulness for the miners and their families at the Anthracite Mission, in Hazelton, Pa. Ordinary ailments are relieved, and serious cases sent to the hospitals. Ministering to the body is opening the way to spiritual awakening and better lives.

Summer Schools of Missions.

The Interdenominational Summer Schools of Missions have come to be a vital part of the missionary propaganda of the Churches of the various denominations. The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was ably represented both on the programs and in the management of the seven regular summer schools, where groups of Methodist women, from Ocean Grove, N. J., to Huntington Beach, Cal., came together during the summer months to study and pray and plan for better work in and through this Society. The work begun last year at Mountain Lake Park, Md., Lakeside, O., and Bay View, Mich., was continued this year, and several of our excellent women were in charge or employed as lecturers. All of these occasions were used for a wise distribution of our literature. In all of these Interdenominational Summer Schools the young people were this year given a large place.

The Society also sent excellent women to each of the six Summer Conferences of students under the auspices of the Young Woman's Christian Association, in order to acquaint them with its missionary work and to bring to them the call to service. Our own Student Secretary has for several years been employed to conduct Home Mission Study Classes at these student conferences, and reports growing interest.

Many small schools, following the general plan of these student conferences, have organized Conference missionary institutes, and regular study classes at camp-meetings; and openings for the presentation of Home Missionary interests and text-book reviews at Epworth League conventions have been a feature of this summer's work. Such opportunities are valuable and should be sought, for in this way we can reach women who can not go to the larger summer schools.

In all, probably five hundred Methodist college girls have been brought under the influence of these meetings during the past summer. If the women of the Auxiliaries in the communities to which these girls go when they leave college will see that they are given a place in the work of the Society, we shall soon have a supply of capable workers and the problem of leadership will in a measure be met. From these college girls many missionaries and deaconesses should come. It is to the women of the Auxiliaries that we must look for the follow-up work necessary to conserve these results.

Home Mission Week.

The general observance of Home Mission Week last year has brought Christian people to a new view of their responsibility. Believing this, the Home Missions Council has asked the Churches to unite in a similar observance next month.

The task of preparing new Americans for new America is so great that it requires the united prayer and effort of all Christian denominations. In the language of the call, "To fuse a score of race-stocks with a half-dozen colors of skin, speaking forty languages, and inheriting the most diverse social and religious traditions, into a single, homogenous, democratic, and righteous nation, is a task beyond the strength of men."

Home Mission Week is designed to arouse Christians to a larger comprehension of their duty to go out into the highways and hedges and by a compelling love to bring men into the feast. No uniform method of using the week will be proposed; this is left to the individual pastors and Churches. Abundant literature at a nominal price has been provided, replete with helps and suggestions. The time set apart as Home Mission Week is November 16th to 23d.

Field Workers.

Much excellent field work has been done, notwithstanding there has been serious disappointment in some of our Conferences on account of an unusual amount of illness among the workers. Possibly both workers and Conferences have been made to suffer to teach the lesson of better care for our field women, their work at the best being very hard. We who love our homes, and feel it a trial to leave them for even a short absence, scarcely realize what it would mean to us to be traveling about

in all sorts of conveyances, at all hours of day and night, in all kinds of weather, always among strangers, and always under observation, with an ever-present sense that opinions are being formed, not only of our competence for our task, but of our social qualities and our personal appearance—all this besides the nervous strain of speaking every day, sometimes several times each day, with a journey between services. This would seem a heavy task for a strong man, but how much more for a woman, who must keep herself not only attractive to people, but closeted in spirit with the Master. Her arms ache from carrying heavy luggage, and her head aches from weariness and anxiety to serve acceptably, and her only strength is her dependence on Him who sent her. Do you wonder that these faithful women come to a morning when they would arise as usual and can not? Or to a time when they drop out permanently?

I beg that you will care for them when they are among you as if they were your own daughters. Do not hasten them too rapidly over your Conference; they will do better work for you if you give them sufficient time for organization and instruction, and a second visit to a new society.

Every new organization should be taught how to make a monthly program, should be supplied with helpful literature and shown how to use it, should be helped to secure blanks to make reports and be impressed with the importance of making them regularly and promptly, should be urged to subscribe for the Home Mission papers, should have copies of the Constitution and By-laws for Auxiliaries, and should be shown the importance of the duties of every office in the Society. To do all this will require more time than is usually allowed the field worker. Give her more time and she will serve you better.

Reports.

In a recent article by Bishop Henderson, he urged upon his preachers in a certain Conference the necessity for a baptism of accuracy and a baptism of promptness in the matter of statistical reports. It is a little comfort to know that the women are not by themselves in the matter of inaccurate and behind-time statistical reports.

The Bishop complains that this negligence is an injustice to the Conference, and were it indulged in a business concern, would not be endured and might be criminal. I can not say less strong words concerning our statistical reports. The failure is charged to the Auxiliaries, Circles, and leaders of children, and to those whose duty it is to report to secretaries of departments. Nearly every report that comes to the Corresponding Secretary states that the statistics are not complete for all reports have not been received. What are such statistics worth? At best they only serve as pointers. Is this just to the Society? Is it honorable? Is it what the Church expects of the Society?

What is the remedy? It is said that the difficulty is, first, that the Auxiliary officers change so frequently that they do not understand their duties, or do not realize their importance; and, second, that the requirements for reports are not definite. There is a third difficulty. There is no one in the Conference whose duty it is explicitly stated to be to gather reports of all the work of a Conference and unify and transmit such reports to the General Corresponding Secretary. The Conference Corresponding Secretary is the one who should have an intimate knowledge of all the work in her Conference, and she should have at least a copy of every report sent from her Conference to department secretaries. She should know not merely the membership of Auxiliaries, Circles, and Bands, but the statistical facts of the deaconess and hospital work in her Conference, as well as those of the Conference and city work locally supported. Every department of the Woman's Home Missionary Society work in her Conference should come under her scrutiny and that of the Conference Board. Otherwise, how can the various forms of work in the Conference be unified and move on without crossing each other's lines? If the Conference Board is the managing head of all Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society interests, how can it make wise plans without an intimate knowledge of conditions?

I trust the matter of reports may be carefully considered in the sectional Conferences.

The World in Chicago.

The Methodist exhibit of the Woman's Home Missionary Society for "The World in Chicago" was gathered by Mrs. C. L. Weaver, who had for arranging, caring for, and "demonstrating" the exhibit such excellent helpers as Mrs. E. L. Albright, Mrs. D. B. Brummitt, and others, together with Mrs. Anna D. Elder and some other of our missionaries. It is said to have been a fine exhibition. Excellent demonstrations were given and fine addresses made by Dr. Platt, Mrs. Robinson, and other speakers. It is believed that this exhibit must give a great impetus to all Home Missionary work.

An Interesting Plan.

The Board of Trustees has approved a plan by which it was hoped that during the first quarter of the present year a net gain of twenty-five thousand new paid-up members could be secured and the dues turned into the treasury. Has this already been done? If not, will you help to inspire each Auxiliary in your Conference to do this small piece of work for the Society during the next quarter? Indeed, we should not stop short of one hundred thousand new members. The women to whom you will go need the inspiration of this work even more than the Society needs the women. For particulars of the plan see September *Home Missions,* or address Mrs. I. D. Jones, 1014 East McMillan Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Evangelistic Department.

The head of this department, Mrs. Bishop Thirkield, is calling especially the young women of the Queen Esther Circles to the spiritual life in a very real and sane way. She says, "Secure the heart culture, make life worth while, win souls, win power." This is Christ's own message.

Our Literature.

My Dear Corresponding Secretaries:

How many honor Auxiliaries do you represent? Have you in your Conference any Auxiliaries that take as many *Woman's Home Missions* as they have members or families represented? I am sure that not all the members read *Home Missions* (which you can affirm without any fear of contradiction, is the best Home missionary paper published), because women write to me for information which has been clearly set forth by the editor, Miss Van Marter. In answer to such letters I am happy to send a marked copy of the paper, which reply serves two good purposes.

We have a paper filled with the things our women should know if they are to be intelligent workers or even interested members. She who gets a subscriber for *Woman's Home Missions* is doing good missionary work.

And *Children's Home Missions* is exactly what our Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels need, and all our infant class Sunday school children as well. If our Sunday school treasury can not supply this need, there are very few people in a congregation who would not give ten cents to secure a year's subscription for the Sunday school. Then, too, it sometimes happens that the mothers become interested through reading these papers to their children, and for that reason they are worth while.

An enthusiastic Auxiliary President told me yesterday that she kept some good leaflets and a program in her hand-bag, thinking she might meet some woman on the street or in a store whose interest she wished to win. This is "sowing beside all waters," and one does not need large gifts for such service. Shall we not make a special study of how to use our excellent leaflets and our *Woman's Home Missions* to advance the Kingdom through our Auxiliary societies?

Italian Missions.

Several years ago a young woman began some work among the Italians in New York City, and some converts from this mission returned to Italy and told of their newly found Savior. Out of this has grown an Annual Conference in Italy. In the United States there are now thirty-eight ministers and missionaries, and plans are being made for a school for training Italian workers for their own people.

By the organization of an Italian Mission in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in September, 1909, and the appointment of Dr. Fred H. Wright as Superintendent, the various local Italian Missions east of the meridian of Indianapolis were unified under one management. As a result the Italian membership has been increasing, as well as the church property and the Disciplinary collections. An official paper, *The Torch,* is being published.

This movement has inspired the Woman's Home Missionary Society to effort for the Italians, who are so numerous in our cities and who are very responsive to missionary appeals. We now make specific appropriations for city and Conference work among these people at twenty-two different points, the most notable being in Rock River Conference; Utica, N. Y.; Des Moines, Iowa; Hazleton, Pa., and Tacoma, Wash. Most of our work lies within the territory superintended by Dr. Wright, who has been greatly helpful in creating interest among our women in work for these people. As early as 1891 Mrs. Jennie Fowler Willing, in her report as Secretary of Immigrant Work, urged an Industrial Training School and Girls' Home for Italian girls in New York City. With such Homes in our leading cities we could prepare hundreds of young women for work among their own people at home and abroad.

A very interesting work is being carried on among the Italians at Des Moines, Iowa. The Italian pastor says, "We aim to teach Americanism combined with true Christianity." Happily they combine easily and produce a fine result. There are two religious services on Sunday and one mid-week in Italian, besides the Sunday school in both languages. The people are full of enthusiasm. They have night school, industrial classes, and kindergarten, and give practical lessons in cleanliness and better home-making. Seventy-five Church members, one hundred in Sunday school, and fifty-five in the Home Department is only a part of the harvest.

An exceedingly fine Italian work is being done at Altoona, Pa., by Miss Sheffer and her Queen Esther assistants. Part of her work is done in the Italian Church, where she has, besides kindergarten, sewing school, Epworth League, etc., a bath of hot and cold water for the children. She has the children vaccinated and looks after their health, sees that they attend the public school, and settles their school difficulties because the parents do not understand English. She has not less than three hundred children in her care. She goes into the homes and teaches the mothers household economics, both in cooking and in family sewing. She has two centers of work and besides has open-air meetings, where her congregation of children or adults sit on the grass while she breaks to these hungry ones the bread of life—all this with persecutions and calumny.

Miss Sheffer asks for the *Sunday School Cluster* leaflet rolls. The people want them in their homes, and even send them to Italy.

Dr. Steiner tells the story of a peasant girl who came to America and became a servant in a Christian family. The mistress was not a woman who was gifted for public work, but she led this simple-hearted girl to Christ and gave direction to her life. After five years in America she returned to her native place, and the first year after her return she was the means of bringing five hundred persons to the Savior. Who knows how many Home and Foreign missionaries are being trained in our Missions?

Slavic People.

We have begun work among the Slavic people, which is a general name for the people of many of the States of Southeastern Europe. The languages are so varied, as well as the customs and the condition of the people, that the conduct of missions among them is a difficult problem. But people of whatever nationality understand the language of sympathy and helpfulness. Bread and clothing and instruction in English open the door for the gospel.

A mission started among ten thousand of these people, in East St. Louis, in April, 1912, in a rented house, has been so fruitful in good results that the local Board of Trustees is planning the erection of an adequate building in which to carry forward settlement work according to the best modern methods. A lot has been bought and paid for, costing $1,200, and plans are ready for a settlement house, to cost $8,000.

A fine new building has been purchased for the McCrum Mission Training School for Slavonic young women. This is an institution to be assiduously cultivated, for every large city in the North needs Slavonic missionaries, and will need them more and more. May I suggest to Conference Secretaries that they send promising Slav and Polish girls to this school for training for their own city and Conference work?

Indian Work.

At Odanah, in Northern Wisconsin, an Indian work of promise is developing under the care of the West Wisconsin Conference. If the facts are as stated, which there is no reason to doubt, the conditions of the children of the eleven hundred Chippewas on this reservation could scarcely be worse. They are utterly without moral restraint, and girls and boys, young women and young men, are alike bad, because ignorant of the consequences of sin. Neither the Catholic priest nor the Indian Agent seems to exercise any restraining influence. Only the teaching of the New Testament, together with wholesome occupation, will leaven the mass.

Forward Movement.

In my report to the Board of Managers some years ago I suggested the time had come for us to do intensive farming. I would now emphasize this statement and go still further and emphatically suggest the

necessity not only for intensive but for extensive farming. The field we have gone over has been but partially cultivated and appeals to us to study and apply better methods, and there is insistent call for the redemption of the great stretches of unoccupied territory that are to be found, not only on our frontiers, but even in our well-appointed Conferences and well-to-do Churches.

The basis of responsibility in this matter, as in all matters pertaining to our success, rests upon our Auxiliary societies. Have you read the little five-cent booklet in Miss Guernsey's list entitled, "The Lost Sheep in the House of Israel?" This tells you in a graphic way what our women can do in an Auxiliary to win distinterested persons.

The Auxiliaries are also responsible to a large extent for organization and interest among the young women and children of the Church. The daughters are very naturally interested in what their mothers consider important, and children know that what mother says is so, whether it is so or not. The young people's and children's societies flourish where the older people "Lend a hand," not in an assumed responsibility for *management,* but in cordial interest and encouragement.

When the women of the Auxiliaries come to feel that they are responsible for the basis of success of all the forward movements of this great organization, we shall see "the missionary wheels go round."

One step more. The movement to make large Annual Conferences has begun in the Church, and will go forward. This will put greatly added responsibility upon the district organizations. The district officers must become the shepherds of all the Auxiliary interests, and must know their sheep and be known by them. They must look after the organization of new centers of work and, what is quite as important, lead the old organizations into new pastures. The work can easily be so planned that some district officer shall attend a meeting of every Auxiliary once in six months at least.

A third forward step must be taken by the Conference officers. Through their respective district officers they must know the pulse of every section of the Conference, and where there is need for information and guidance they must be alert to give it. Their medicine cases should be always ready, so that there need be no delay in ministering to a patient "in extremis." No organization need die, and if it does somebody has neglected duty.

A fourth proposed step to promote a wise and strong forward movement will be presented to you by your Board of Trustees, and that is a division of the duties of the General Corresponding Secretary so as to enable the Board of Trustees to come into closer touch with the entire field to be occupied, and to devise more effective plans for its occupation. The Trustees think if the Boards of Foreign and of Home Missions find a need for more close supervision and inspiration than one person can give, that the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which has grown to

such proportions already, and is still but in the beginning of its possibilities of usefulness, can profitably follow the way these older societies lead. This matter will be presented in its proper form for your consideration.

Efficiency.

"Efficiency," says a recent writer, "is now the keynote of American business." It has become a technical word connoting so much that it is difficult to define it. Perhaps a definition of general application is the method which secures the highest per cent of net results with the least capital employed and labor expended.

All scientific processes that tend to diminish waste of material, lessen the expense of production, increase output, and make workers more interested and skillful, are contributing to efficiency. The writer above referred to says that business corporations, cities, and even the Federal Government are now employing experts to teach the methods of efficiency.

If a prophet of "Efficiency" can show a railroad corporation how to save a million dollars per day by the introduction of its methods; if in the Topeka railroad shops wages are increased 14%, and cost reduced 36%, while the output was increased 57%, it is worth while for business men to study methods of efficiency.

But is there nothing in all this that applies to moral and religious movements? Is this Society which we represent avoiding all waste in capital, in time, and in labor? Is our work so carefully organized that there is no waste by allowing two people to work at a task that one could do as well? Is every department and every woman so related to the whole that each is doing for the whole the largest piece of work possible? Is nothing done mechanically or carelessly to serve a present purpose? Do our plans take in an ideal to be striven towards? Are we anxious above all else to comprehend God's plan for us as a Society, and is our one aim, no matter what sacrifice it requires, to work out that plan for Him?

How can we find where efficiency hides herself behind our accepted methods, our prejudices, and our doubts? Her discovery can be made only by a careful study of our work from all its angles and in all its departments. The question arises at once in your responsive minds, How shall we begin this study of efficiency?

May I suggest how we can begin immediately and thereby make this a most notable gathering? Let us call for a meeting of the Conference Corresponding Secretaries, the Field Workers, the Bureau Secretaries, and the Board of Trustees, and try to get the viewpoint of each, and welcome and weigh all suggestions tending to efficiency. Might we not consider such practical questions as: How can the work of Conference Secretaries be made more fruitful? How can waste be lessened in the work of Field Secretaries? How can Bureau Secretaries secure larger returns

for capital used? How can the Board of Trustees be more helpful in every department of the work?

Auxiliaries are born apparently normal, and soon die of inanition. Circles can not be organized for lack of leaders; our children are growing up with no thought of duty to those less favorably circumstanced, because there is no one willing to guide them. Is there not here a sad waste both of material and power? Field Secretaries are working themselves into sanitariums and hospitals, and complain that they are not getting such returns as they have a right to expect. Why is this? We seem to have plenty of machinery; how can we secure better results in its use? Let us sit down together and see if we can discover how to save our time, to divide our labor, and double our output. The cotton-seed that was formerly thrown away now pays for the care of the cotton crop. Are we throwing away our cotton-seed that could be utilized? We are engaged in a great business for our Lord, and we are not content that the children of the world should be wiser in this study of efficiency than the children of light.

"Forgetting the Things Which are Behind."

And now, as God casts our sins behind His back so we cast our successes as well as our failures behind us as we turn toward the future. Our sun has arisen and is climbing up the golden eastern steeps, but it is far from high noon. Our day is still young, and there is much to hope for and therefore much to live for. We count not ourselves to have attained, but "Forward" is our watchword, efficiency is our goal, consecration and self-sacrifice our most valued privilege. Our beautiful motto, "In His Name," voluntarily assumed, binds us to the extreme of loyalty.

How anxiously two nations have been watching every movement of Governor Lind—not that Governor Lind's personal opinions were of vital consequence to anybody, but because he had gone out in the name of the President of the United States, and therefore his words were not his own, but the words of the Government of the Nation, and therefore of world-weight! So do we speak and act in the name of our Master, Christ, who was sent to us in the Father's name. "I do always the things that please the Father: The things that I hear from Him I speak, and as I am sent of Him, so send I you." We have our commission, we carry our instructions with us, and may our understanding of His will be so complete that we may always do those things that please Him in whose name we act, and say those things He would speak whose message we bear.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

CONFERENCES.	No. of Auxiliaries	STATISTICAL REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP.					Whole No. Life Members	Honorary Managers	Honorary Patrons	Woman's Home Missions	Children's Home Missions
		Auxiliaries	Circles	Home Guards	Jewels	Reading Circles					
Alabama	11	192	60			21				58	20
Arizona	6	153	21								30
Arkansas	5	89	30							34	
Atlanta	31	300	30								
Austin	2	17									
Baltimore	74	2543	947							933	1064
Black Hills Mission	4	70				26				17	
Blue Ridge	3	32									
California	62	1800	350		3005					562	367
Central Alabama	19	83								5	
Central Illinois	54	1336	565	219	419	37				672	331
Central Missouri	8	90									
Central New York	101	3884	719	257	986	1032				1084	580
Central Ohio	98	3805	1007	261	607	356				1037	236
Central Pennsylvania	57	2201	1309	164	1221	289				552	499
Central Tennessee	4	36									
Chicago German	17	250	145	97						23	42
Cincinnati	74	2876	616	319	1316	148				875	237
Colorado	54	1596	300							497	276
Columbia River	29	788	298			70				261	162
Dakota	24	503				22				136	24
Delaware	30	420	50							56	
Des Moines	84	2977	975	111	380	72				1204	709
Detroit	125	4390	1670	405	1899	844				1727	1317
East Maine	10	125									
East Swedish	1	16	20								
East Tennessee	17	213	53							22	
Erie	94	3363	826	208	447	40				1232	1014
Florida	10	140									
Genesee	84	3342	879	360	1076	11				934	768
Georgia	2	12	15								
Gulf	3	53								4	
Holston	17	548	206	10	98					118	126
Idaho	9	212				212				77	20
Illinois	85	2982	1064			34				999	119
Indiana	62	2873	705	297	1548	227				774	310
Iowa	51	1999	495	139	296	166				836	308

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.—Continued.

CONFERENCES.	No. of Auxiliaries.	STATISTICAL REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP.					Whole No. Life Members	Honorary Managers	Honorary Patrons	Woman's Home Missions	Children's Home Missions
		Auxiliaries.	Circles	Home Guards	Jewels	Reading Circles					
Kansas	46	1394	200	121	254	3				508	386
Kentucky	8	273	153							65	
Lexington	55	772	321	147	98	91				129	46
Lincoln	27	110				13				25	6
Little Rock	52	287	100			55				65	12
Louisiana											
Maine	44	851	198	16	50					194	115
Michigan	84	2701	531			39				803	315
Minnesota	34	796	440	86	126					340	208
Mississippi	42	128								17	
Missouri	10	239	49	15	19					91	50
Montana	4	87								27	10
Nebraska	68	1703	273	47	421					452	274
Nevada Mission											
Newark	67	2848	817	191	722					909	623
New England	71	2174	600							656	263
New England Southern	41	1215	147			151				418	506
New Hampshire	33	691	198	183	297					201	202
New Jersey	58	2909	938	77	641	82				434	272
New Mexico—(English)	5	154	8							60	10
New Mexico—(Spanish)											
New York	51	1618	405	150	130					404	164
New York East	50	2503	973	63	1304	149				744	354
North Carolina	14	180	54								
North Dakota	16	251	145	29	16					225	31
North Indiana	78	3102	1010			639				1129	301
North Montana	9	125									
North Nebraska	28	767	144	104	92	11				293	67
North-East Ohio	152	5693	1639	536	1427					2027	632
Northern Minnesota	39	971	618	53	273					388	143
Northern New York	94	2871	519	98	698					758	422
Northwest Indiana	57	2081	414			519				939	457
Northwest Iowa	69	2000	314	140	330					781	296
Northwest Kansas	38	812	216			688				320	206
Northwest Nebraska	1	24				20				3	10
Ohio	57	2635	663	275	280	210				739	232
Oklahoma	39	827	278	173		175				381	105
Oregon	38	1076	307							242	90

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.—Continued.

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		Auxiliaries	Circles	Home Guards	Jewels	Reading Circles					
Philadelphia	70	2982	1204	171	394	514				663	226
Pittsburgh	85	3480	1222	93	250					1249	259
Porto Rico											
Puget Sound	43	1273	370	137	162	127				488	127
Rock River	113	4546	1421	464	2160	1883				1365	681
Savannah	23	134								27	5
St. Johns River	7	107	25	3		37				34	22
St. Louis	34	1108	365	28	248					348	79
Southern California	128	4914	1336		1349	1295				1752	996
South Carolina	17	256				91				23	
South Florida Mission	1	7									
South Kansas	23	770	336	11	42	40				369	95
Southern German	5	75									
Southern Illinois	42	1210	420							387	125
Southwest Kansas	58	1803	500	60	293	94				692	159
Texas	16	160									
Tennessee	5	60									
Troy	79	2615	1105	321	380					690	
Upper Iowa	64	2508	449	203	306	1129				920	471
Upper Mississippi	28	178			26					32	
Utah Mission	3	67								20	20
Vermont	40	851	125	155	100					218	149
Washington	34	480	429			47				100	
West Nebraska	13	260									
West Texas	43	202				51				32	3
West Virginia	30	925	147	50	20	723				229	130
West Wisconsin	37	767	115							284	97
Wilmington	30	1208	212	5	390	41				297	94
Wisconsin	33	914	110							248	25
Wyoming	80	3011	632	177	1371					801	483
Wyoming Mission	3	37									
Totals	4185	130085	36530	7329	27967	12524	91	4			
Not reported by Conf. Secretaries										1493	2555
Totals										42257	22179

Annual Report of the Treasurer.

Mrs. George H. Thompson.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

At July 31, 1913.

ASSETS.

Cash—Due from Bank			$2,677 72
Investments			87,150 68
Accounts Receivable:			
Adaline Smith Home, Little Rock, Ark.		$881 86	
McCleskey Home, Boaz, Ala.		545 92	
Susanna Wesley Home, Honolulu		5,000 00	
Peck Home, New Orleans		4,016 06	
Browning Home, Camden, S. C.		600 00	
Boylan Home, Jacksonville		3,545 63	
			14,589 47
Buildings and Grounds:			
Southern Work, Colored		$254,850 00	
Southern Work, White		135,400 00	
New Mexico and Oklahoma		80,500 00	
Pacific Coast and Hawaii		101,000 00	
Indian and Alaska		27,615 00	
Porto Rico, San Juan		35,650 00	
Slavonic—McCrum, Uniontown, Pa.		38,500 00	
Immigrant Home, East Boston		33,800 00	
City Missions		57,250 00	
Children's Homes		120,000 00	
		$884,565 00	
Deaconess Institutions (As Reported)		1,558,349 15	
Total Buildings and Grounds, etc.			$2,442,914 15
Total Assets			$2,547,332 02

LIABILITIES.

Notes Payable	$119,700 00		
Accrued Interest on Same	1,572 27	121,272 27	
Debt on Deaconess Institutions		134,055 20	
Accounts Payable:			
Mothers' Jewels Home	11,375 47		
Mothers' Jewels Home, Interest from Clough Fund	408 00		
Alger Loan Account	545 00		
Colored Deaconess Home, Nashville	2,419 06		
McCleskey Home, Phillips Bequest	850 00		
Eliza Dee Home (From Sale Texas Property)	2,100 00		
Meridian, Miss., Account	144 00		
Rock Springs, Wyoming	350 00		
Slavonic Home, Hazelton, Pa.	1,000 00		
Thayer Home, Egelston Bequest	900 00		
Bennett Home	219 28		
Navajo Mission	140 00		
Boston Immigrant Home	1,700 00		
Glenn Home	237 98		
Marcy Home	1,000 00		
Erie Home	2,521 74	25,910 53	
Endowments		$71,553 48	
Annuities		225,618 26	
Total Liabilities			$578,409 74
Excess Assets Over Liabilities			1,968,922 28

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.

Year Ended July 31, 1913.

RECEIPTS.

	Cash.	Vouchers.	Totals.
General Fund:			
Conference Receipts	$131,161 26		
Miscellaneous Conference	62 55		
Cincinnati Office	45 95		
Sale of Books	234 52		
Balance from Sale Brooklyn Property	436 42		
Rent, Council Bluffs Property	171 85		
Refunds	184 45		
Miscellaneous	16 92		
	$132,313 92	$26,318 97	$158,632 89
Bonds	13,599 57		13,599 57
Students' Aid	61,854 09	21,172 04	83,026 13
Special Fund: Conference Receipts	78,682 34	326,970 35	405,652 69
Total Conference Receipts	$286,449 92	$374,461 36	$660,911 28
Other Income:			
Annuities	$63,858 63		$63,858 63
Bequests	17,446 08		17,446 08
Endowments	3,100 00		3,100 00
Woman's Home Missions	3,500 00		3,500 00
Interest on Investments	2,593 55		2,593 55
Total Income Receipts	$376,948 18	$374,461 36	$751,409 54
Balance of Deaconess Home Vouchers		54,681 82	54,681 82
	$376,948 18	$429,143 18	$806,091 36
Value of Supplies			95,531 04
Income,			**$901,622 40**
Receipts, Not Income:			
Notes Payable	$79,700 00		
Notes Receivable	10,295 75		
Cash Balance, August 1, 1912	1,122 60		
			91,118 35
	$468,066 53		
			$992,740 75

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS.

Year Ended July 31, 1913.

DISBURSEMENTS.

		Cash.	Vouchers.	Totals.
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION:				
Officers' Salaries and Expenses	$5,513 08			
Office Salaries	9,694 19			
Office Expenses	4,735 02			
		$19,942 29		
Annual Meeting	$2,490 65			
Organizers	8,761 26			
Deaconess Bureau	3,369 29			
		14,621 20		
Insurance	$4,956 38			
Printing	3,478 55			
Taxes	2,675 26			
Legal Expense	694 80			
Mite Boxes	371 90			
Miscellaneous Travel	2,490 65			
Miscellaneous	3,927 38			
		17,594 92		
Interest: Notes Payable	$4,385 90			
Annuities	5,900 15			
Endowments	750 50			
		11,036 55		
Total, Administration, etc.		$63,194 96		$63,194 96
EXPENSES—HOMES, SCHOOLS, ETC.:				
Teachers' Salaries	$66,848 25			$66,848 25
Teachers' Travel	5,473 98			5,473 98
General	76,153 99		$26,318 97	102,472 96
	$148,476 22			
Students' Aid	51,939 17		21,172 04	73,111 21
Special	176,278 46		326,970 35	503,248 81
Total for Carrying on Work		376,693 85	$374,461 36	$751,155 21
Total Expenses		$439,888 81	$374,461 36	$814,350 17
Balance of Deaconess Home Vouchers			54,681 82	54,681 82
		$439,888 81	$429,143 18	$869,031 99
Value of Supplies				95,531 04
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS:				
Notes Payable	$23,000 00			
Annuity Returned	2,500 00			
		25,500 00		
Cash Balance, July 31, 1913		2,677 72		
		$468,066 53		28,177 72
				$992,740 75

REPORT OF AUDITOR.

Dayton, Ohio, September 27, 1913.

To the Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

MESDAMES: In accordance with your instructions we audited the books of your Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson, for the year ended July 31, 1913, and hereby certify that the accompanying statements of Receipts and Disbursements, and Assets and Liabilities, are in accord with the books, Conference records, and reports submitted; all disbursements being duly authorized and represented by approved vouchers on file.

The Bank Balance was found to be correct, and Securities on hand as represented.

Considerable inconvenience has been caused the Treasurer's office, and the Auditor as well, by the tardy receipt of certain reports and other necessary information.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES L. HARDMAN,
Public Accountant and Auditor.

ANNUITIES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

Mrs. Lena Hoffman, Stockton, Ill	$2,000 00
Mrs. D. W. Babb, Williamsport, W. Va	500 00
A Friend	868 58
Martha and Ella Tompkinson, Harrisburg, Pa	250 00
Mrs. Elmira Cantwill, North Bangor, N. Y	500 00
Mrs. Barbara Sutch, Crofton, Pa	500 00
Michigan Conference	1,000 00
A Friend	5,000 00
Sarah C. Rounds	2,500 00
Mrs. Lizzie Copp, Richwood, O	1,000 00
A Friend	500 00
Mrs. S. A. Hulbert	200 00
Miss Mary Siggins, Jamestown, N. Y	500 00
Mr. Geo. O. Robinson, Detroit, Mich., and deed to property, $5,000	45,000 00
Mrs. Geo. W. Mentch	2,000 00
Mrs. Anna Ellenberger	500 00
Mrs. C. Boylan, Rochester, N. Y	100 00
Mrs. Wertsch, Delevan, Ill	1,000 00
Total	$63,858 63

BEQUESTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

Theo. Plumber Estate, Logansport, Ind., North Indiana Conference	$250 00
Elizabeth Vandeveer Estate, Brooklyn, N. Y., New York East Conference	$100 00
Mary A. Wise, Pittsfield, N. H.	2,589 05
Anna Anderson, Clayton, Wis., Norwegian Danish	195 10
Mrs. Mary Edna Steel, Pontiac, Mich., Detroit Conference	900 00
Irene Maitland Estate, Erie	7,549 90
Mr. Hamlen, Taunton, Mass.	200 00
Florence Nottingham, Syracuse, N. Y., Central New York	891 13
Sarah Mott, Buffalo, N. Y., Genesee Conference	500 00
Esther S. Foot Estate, Jersey City, N. J., Newark Conference.	400 05
Edwin Philips Estate, Northern Minnesota Conference	850 00
Celista Smith Estate	1,000 00
Mrs. Irene Clark Durrell, Tilton N. H., New Hampshire Conference	100 00
John R. Senior Estate, Philadelphia Conference	1,920 85
Total	$17,446 08

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.—Year of 1912-1913.

Conferences.	General Fund.		Building and Improvement.	Student Aid.		Special Fund.		Totals.		Grand Total.	Bequests.
	Cash.	Vouchers.		Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.		
Arizona	$173 70		$100 00	$242 30			$121 76	$516 00	$121 76	$637 76	
Alabama	92 55		15 70			$40 00	188 91	148 25	188 91	337 16	
Arkansas	77 25							77 25		77 25	
Atlanta	206 71	$34 00				4 00	151 00	210 71	185 00	395 71	
Austin	17 52							17 52		17 52	
Baltimore	2,275 42		136 43	1,130 75		591 92	15,024 76	4,134 52	15,024 76	19,159 28	
Black Hills Mission	36 45							36 45		36 45	
Blue Ridge	32 00							32 00		32 00	
California	1,265 22	1,097 10	205 61	371 60	$6,841 74	141 48	4,488 59	1,983 91	12,427 43	14,411 34	
Central Alabama	85 77							85 77		85 77	
Central Illinois	2,406 30	340 50	100 00	1,198 58	85 00	1,478 20	47 18	5,183 08	472 68	5,655 76	
Central Missouri	104 00							104 00		104 00	
Central New York	4,338 75	243 20	110 00	1,125 77	324 67	2,446 23	220 73	8,020 75	788 60	8,809 35	$891 13
Central Ohio	4,226 88	22 75	535 15	1,306 21	1 00	2,066 71	9 45	8,134 95	33 20	8,168 15	
Central Pennsylvania	2,762 32			960 01		2,836 00	771 84	6,558 33	771 84	7,330 17	
Chicago German	121 53					23 75		145 28		145 28	
Central Tennessee	36 00							36 00		36 00	
Cincinnati	3,266 04	557 10	137 13	973 36	20 00	4,525 74	88 10	8,902 27	665 20	9,567 47	
Colorado	730 32	15 20	26 65	493 45	16 12	11 00	39,777 47	1,261 42	39,808 79	41,070 21	
Columbia River	574 94	66 51	212 05	699 60	16 00	236 14	269 25	1,722 73	351 76	2,074 49	
Delaware	246 17	40 00	25 00				74 25	271 17	114 25	385 42	
Dakota	468 34	68 96	9 93	362 10		321 14		1,161 51	68 96	1,230 47	
Des Moines	2,888 33	1,147 60	807 90	1,532 87		1,768 02	7,418 62	6,997 12	8,566 22	15,563 34	

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.—Year of 1912-1913.

Conferences.	General Fund.		Building and Improvement.	Student Aid.		Special Fund.		Totals.		Grand Total.	Bequests.
	Cash.	Vouchers.		Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.		
Detroit	$3,708 95	$3,391 38	$566 51	$3,441 25	$261 00	$4,868 84	$5,652 25	$12,585 55	$9,304 63	$21,890 18	{*$50,000 900
East Maine	100 13	7 00	3 00			28 00		131 13	7 00	138 13	
East Oklahoma Mission	10 00						12 36	10 00	12 36	22 36	
East Tennessee	154 50			10 00		17 00		181 50		181 50	
Eastern Swedish	16 00							16 00		16 00	
Erie	3,801 30		15 34	1,948 27	75 00	4,218 64	245 32	9,983 55	320 32	10,303 87	7,549 90
Florida	65 30					81 35	13 00	146 65	13 00	159 65	
Genesee	3,262 13	7 50	308 61	1,128 00	5 00	1,528 46	14,751 19	6,227 20	14,763 69	20,990 89	500 00
Gulf	37 35						50 00	37 35	50 00	87 35	
Georgia	12 00							12 00		12 00	
Holston	551 41	8 91	19 14	138 77	404 02	19 50		728 82	412 93	1,141 75	
Idaho	175 31	126 45	107 60	110 00		67 65	203 15	460 56	329 60	790 16	
Illinois	3,046 61	53 33	189 06	1,332 80		671 13	15,382 13	5,239 60	15,435 46	20,675 06	*1,000 00
Indiana	2,570 33	625 45	200 00	1,480 36		496 39	4,046 40	4,747 08	4,671 85	9,418 93	
Iowa†	2,202 89	1,245 24	388 41	1,491 15	25 00	888 28	29,127 72	4,970 73	30,397 96	35,368 69	
Kansas	1,272 15	96 58	200 00	532 02	222 83	1,485 55	328 41	3,489 72	647 82	4,137 54	
Kentucky	399 34	158 25	5 71	50 00	18 70	469 45		924 50	176 95	1,101 45	
Lexington	476 09	513 77	53 00	87 81		27 00		643 90	513 77	1,157 67	
Little Rock	75 00					27 50	353 00	102 50	353 00	455 50	
Lincoln	58 45	13 90		13 00		21 00		92 45	13 90	106 35	
Louisiana	20 00					10 00	155 25	30 00	155 25	185 25	
Maine	714 88	104 27		249 40		83 88	1,217 95	1,048 16	1,322 22	2,370 38	
Michigan	4,170 08	157 03	179 95	866 84		1,428 36	1,203 38	6,645 23	1,360 41	8,005 64	
Minnesota‡	434 72		240 00	749 41	73 18	481 85	282 34	1,905 98	355 52	2,261 50	
Mississippi	162 30					4 00		166 30		166 30	
Missouri	247 22		11 40	129 75		147 17		535 54		535 54	
Montana	231 28			10 50		33 00		274 78		274 78	
Nebraska	1,578 86	356 86	458 14	487 40		1,004 31	483 59	3,528 71	840 45	4,369 16	
Newark	3,117 20		315 00	2,073 50		1,343 00	2,797 93	6,848 70	2,797 93	9,646 63	400 05
New England	2,188 52	375 10	289 96	666 00		404 02	4,907 05	3,548 50	5,282 15	8,830 65	
New Eng. Southern	1,279 82	79 70	44 71	673 43	1 50	724 93	173 25	2,722 89	254 45	2,977 34	
New Hampshire	784 86		11 50	538 27		263 84	171 67	1,598 47	171 67	1,770 14	100 00
New Jersey	2,742 69	68 84	91 84	1,241 60		1,094 96	133 39	5,171 09	202 23	5,373 32	
New Mexico English	197 88	39 35		50 00	97 00	19 00	995 10	266 88	1,131 45	1,398 33	
New York	1,628 34			2,238 00	50 00	2,131 60	423 16	5,997 94	473 16	6,471 10	

* Annuity. † In vouchers not included, $400. ‡ In vouchers too late to be included, $4,010.48.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.—Year of 1912-1913.

Conferences.	General Fund.		Building and Improvement.	Student Aid.		Special Fund.		Totals.		Grand Total.	Bequests.
	Cash.	Vouchers.		Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.		
New York East	$2,811 27	$13 66	$200 00	$2,313 00	.....	$1,192 00	$7,373 30	$6,516 27	$7,386 96	$13,903 23	$100 00
North Carolina	125 54	.....	.....	66 00	.....	.....	.....	191 54	.....	191 54	.....
North Dakota	369 70	57 59	72 50	708 12	.....	143 00	17 00	1,293 32	74 59	1,367 91	.....
North Indiana	3,886 53	384 19	646 35	2,047 82	.....	2,422 20	1,647 37	9,002 90	2,031 56	11,034 46	250 00
North Montana	82 55	.....	.....	60 00	.....	90 00	.....	143 45	.....	143 45	.....
North Nebraska	1,125 16	118 01	100 00	278 25	$25 40	451 70	5 00	1,955 11	148 41	2,103 52	.....
Northern Minnesota	1,409 41	1,282 25	318 40	1,701 00	.....	1,114 60	3,053 11	4,543 41	4,335 36	8,878 77	850 00
Northern New York*	3,134 91	550 49	29 87	1,123 03	.....	487 76	9,650 37	4,775 57	10,200 86	14,976 43	.....
North-East Ohio	7,724 37	1,262 69	1,300 00	3,057 50	55 00	4,289 24	17,314 19	16,371 11	18,631 88	35,002 99	.....
Northwest Indiana	2,389 43	216 29	227 79	1,170 00	236 00	1,538 68	744 00	5,325 90	1,196 29	6,522 19	.....
Northwest Iowa	2,026 55	57 00	200 00	667 75	38 00	397 01	1,980 77	3,291 31	2,075 77	5,367 08	.....
Northwest Nebraska	6 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 25	.....	6 25	.....
Northwest Kansas	632 10	431 86	1 20	607 25	22 30	146 17	.....	1,386 72	454 16	1,840 88	.....
Ohio	2,446 04	.....	224 85	1,344 05	.....	1,527 72	1,638 65	5,542 66	1,638 65	7,181 31	.....
Oklahoma	698 09	207 02	136 66	382 64	.....	479 13	100 00	1,696 52	307 02	2,003 54	.....
Oregon	576 00	1,307 20	100 00	299 91	.....	134 94	1,136 64	1,110 85	2,443 84	3,554 69	.....
Philadelphia	2,328 85	1,121 18	1,000 00	1,001 10	10 00	1,002 10	15,435 70	5,332 05	16,566 88	21,898 93	1,920 85
Pittsburgh	3,821 48	1,434 39	.....	1,348 75	2 00	1,030 00	37,940 99	6,200 23	39,377 38	45,577 61	.....
Puget Sound	1,134 36	22 60	100 00	473 48	.....	.....	1,600 00	1,707 84	1,622 60	3,330 44	.....
Rock River	3,443 55	1,523 92	700 00	1,610 70	932 53	222 50	18,932 60	5,976 75	21,389 05	27,365 80	.....
Savannah	36 75	98 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 75	98 55	135 30	.....
St. Johns River	115 13	.....	.....	93 85	.....	84 57	.....	293 55	.....	293 55	.....
St. Louis	1,036 36	139 35	16 26	962 92	56 00	1,296 31	1,434 53	3,311 85	1,629 88	4,941 73	.....
South Carolina	85 00	.....	.....	.....	30 13	.....	.....	85 00	30 13	115 13	.....
South Florida	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	.....	7 00	.....
South Kansas	838 11	174 76	26 00	842 88	.....	588 96	117 97	2,295 95	292 73	2,588 68	.....
Southern German	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	148 00	2 00	148 00	150 00	.....
Southern California	4,044 26	1,788 08	500 00	656 65	9,760 06	352 00	42,399 65	5,552 91	53,947 79	59,500 70	.....
Southern Illinois	1,112 33	406 62	37 08	404 25	.....	2,300 70	70 00	3,854 36	476 62	4,330 98	.....
Southwest Kansas	1,827 55	401 21	143 35	1,040 64	10 00	848 06	2,304 11	3,859 60	2,715 32	6,574 92	.....
Tennessee	61 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	63 00	.....	63 00	.....
Texas	67 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	167 00	.....	167 00	.....
Troy	2,672 96	.....	33 32	987 47	112 00	1,118 30	2,350 18	4,812 05	2,462 18	7,274 23	.....
Upper Iowa	3,131 45	29 45	280 25	921 14	1,023 29	1,778 23	311 97	6,111 07	1,364 71	7,475 78	.....
Upper Mississippi	20 00	97 00	.....	.....	.....	20 85	437 00	40 85	534 00	574 85	.....

*$1,352.48 in vouchers.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.—Year of 1912-1913.

Conferences.	General Fund.		Building and Improvement.	Student Aid.		Special Fund.		Totals.		Grand Total.	Bequests.
	Cash.	Vouchers.		Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.		
Utah Mission	$60 52			$130 35		$10 00	$1,651 99	$200 87	$1,651 99	$1,852 86	
Vermont	833 85		$50 00	156 00		231 11	1,509 14	1,270 96	1,509 14	2,780 10	
Washington	473 00	$335 42	50 00	130 00	$91 57	184 55		837 55	426 99	1,264 54	
West Nebraska	213 35	24 35			75 00		85 00	213 35	184 35	397 70	
West Texas	181 60		28 75			398 40	67 55	608 75	67 55	676 30	
West Virginia	731 71	383 97	19 96	452 00	140 00	95 00	1,577 71	1,298 67	2,101 68	3,400 35	
West Wisconsin	767 45	317 67	144 60	354 15	15 00	325 15		1,591 35	332 67	1,924 02	
Wilmington	965 88		50 00	480 00		261 50	161 58	1,757 38	161 58	1,918 96	
Wisconsin	693 34	461 85	18 65	614 06		254 00		1,580 05	461 85	2,041 90	
Wyoming	3,057 07	608 52	648 80	1,208 25		1,065 79	2,003 38	5,979 91	2,611 90	8,591 81	
Wyoming Mission	28 05			10 00				38 05		38 05	
Miscellaneous Conf's	62 55						10 00	62 55	10 00	72 55	
Other Receipts	1,090 11		72 50	15 00		10,209 22		11,386 83		11,682 58	
Totals	$132,313 92	$26,318 97	$13,599 57	$61,854 09	$21,172 04	$78,682 34	$326,970 35	$286,449 92	$374,461 36	$661,207 03	
Annuities	$16,158 58					$47,700 05		$63,858 63		$63,858 63	
Bequests	17,446 08							17,446 08		17,446 08	
Endowments	3,100 00							3,100 00		3,100 00	
Int. on Investments	2,593 55							2,593 55		2,593 55	
Woman's Home Mis.	3,500 00							3,500 00		3,500 00	
Notes Payable	79,700 00							79,700 00		79,700 00	
Notes Receivable	10,295 75							10,295 75		10,295 75	
Cash. Bal. Aug. 1, 1912	1,122 60							1,122 60		1,122 60	
Total receipts	$266,230 48	$26,318 97	$13,599 57	$61,854 09	$21,172 04	$126,382 39	$326,970 35	$468,066 53	$374,461 36	$897,209 71	
Deaconess Home Br.									54,681 82		
Grand Total									$429,143 18		

EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR 1912-1913.

	Salary.		Travel.	Incidentals.		Student Aid.		Special.		Total.	
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.
Haven Home	$1,010 00		$110 00			$888 65		$10,659 84		$12,668 49	
Speedwell Home	520 00		58 00							578 00	
Thayer Home	2,230 00		198 00			1,709 74		2,075 40		6,213 14	
Boylan Home	3,040 00		521 00	$300 00		1,141 00		28 50		5,030 50	
Brewster Hospital	720 00		113 35	200 00		100 00		236 00		1,369 35	
Emerson Home	1,280 00		160 55			400 00		108 00		1,948 55	
Allen Home	2,135 00		200 55	500 00		966 21		1,076 50		4,878 26	
Browning Home	3,350 00		483 49	200 00		566 18		1,564 27		6,163 94	
Kent Home	810 00		143 75	300 00		874 63				2,128 38	
New Jersey Home	600 00		38 40	200 00		360 00		100 00		1,298 40	
Ritter Home	1,620 00		154 47			1,790 00		84 00		3,648 47	
Bennett Home	975 00		194 64			2,757 63		4,097 74		8,025 01	
Bennett Academy	2,683 75		166 33							2,850 08	
Dickson Hall	315 00									315 00	
E. L. Rust Home	1,040 00		88 30			854 82		3,520 02		5,503 14	
Adeline Smith Home	925 00					1,481 78		532 00		2,938 78	
N. Orleans Italian Mission	870 00		26 23					253 00		1,149 23	
Peck Home	1,200 00		187 10	590 00		525 56		486 00		2,988 66	
King Home	1,430 00		220 55			991 50		1,940 25		4,582 30	
Eliza Dee Home	880 00		114 70			647 00		2,098 63		3,740 33	
Utah—Elsinore	840 00		74 28	74 92						989 20	
Maroni	785 00			53 20						838 20	
Logan	360 00		15 00							375 00	
Provo	360 00			6 25						366 25	
Mt. Pleasant	392 50			48 25						440 75	
Spring City	752 50		53 70	49 35						855 55	
Ephraim	100 00									100 00	
Salt Lake City	430 00		139 50	683 40						1,252 90	

EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR 1912-1913.—Continued.

	Salary.		Travel.	Incidentals.		Student Aid.		Special.		Total.	
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.
El Paso, Texas	$600 00		$24 00	$500 00				$5,621 88		$6,745 88	
Harwood Home	2,280 00		138 00	150 00		$1,800 00		548 00		4,916 00	
Albuquerque Hospital								714 05		714 05	
Tucson	2,130 00		205 55	300 00		1,841 24		338 39		4,815 18	
McKinley School	1,200 00			250 00		750 00		83 55		2,283 55	
Geo. O. Robinson Orph'ge	2,910 00		232 00	500 00		2,100 00		396 06		6,138 06	
Williams Day School	355 00							297 58		652 58	
Fisk School	350 00					95 00				445 00	
Puerta de la Tiera	330 00									330 00	
Hawaii				1,400 00		1,158 05		5,000 00		7,558 05	
Japanese Home				2,601 00		1,321 20		377 12		4,299 32	
Japanese, Los Angeles				600 00				225 00		825 00	
Chinese				3,000 00		1,996 86		1,119 86		6,116 72	
Chinese, Los Angeles				500 00						500 00	
Frances DePauw				2,160 00		974 85		226 85		3,361 70	
McClesky Home	1,750 00		183 45	400 00		4,411 11		941 13		7,685 69	
Cedartown, Ga., Settlement Work	720 00							5,165 57		5,885 57	
Mitchell Home	1,480 00		243 94			4,352 22		2,646 55		8,722 71	
Community Schools	437 50									437 50	
American Highlanders				600 00						600 00	
Navajo Mission	2,400 00		31 45	300 00		1,660 45		3,456 67		7,848 57	
Stickney Home	972 00		65 00	198 00		276 10				1,511 10	
Ponca, White Eagle	600 00			272 03						872 03	
Pottawattomies	550 00			377 00						927 00	
Greenville Mission	450 00					200 00				650 00	
Ukiah				260 00						260 00	
Haskel Indians				55 00						55 00	
Yumas	500 00					386 64				886 64	
Jesse Lee Home	2,580 00			800 00		2,400 00		393 40		6,173 40	
Sinuk	1,680 00		703 25	200 00		743 23		2,197 77		5,524 25	
New York Immigrant				4,670 00						4,670 00	
Boston				2,000 00				1,757 29		3,757 29	
Hull St. Medical Mission				1,200 00				425 00		1,625 00	
Philadelphia Immigrant				250 00						250 00	

EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR 1912-1913.—Continued.

	Salary.		Travel.	Incidentals.		Student Aid.		Special.		Total.	
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.
Katharine Blaine Home, Seattle				$900 00				$741 80		$1,641 80	
Angel Island				275 00						275 00	
Tacoma								505 00		505 00	
Portland, Oregon								2,499 50		2,499 50	
E. A. Bradley				1,000 00				116 50		1,116 50	
Mothers' Jewels Home	$1,850 00			1,500 00		$1,453 01		653 30		5,456 31	
Watts de Peyster				3,930 00		2,852 85		111 70		6,894 55	
Glenn Home				2,068 25						2,068 25	
Marcy Home				3,800 00				1,688 90		5,488 90	
Lucy Webb Hayes Training School	4,240 00			8,260 00		2,956 03		585 04		16,041 07	
Robinson Hall and Sibley Hospital								70,991 72		70,991 72	
Fisk Training School				5,000 00		1,596 85		21,398 43		27,995 28	
San Francisco Tr. School	2,000 00			2,000 00		81 00		52 00		4,133 00	
Cunningham Orphanage				850 00		477 78		210 61		1,538 39	
Bancroft Rest Home	910 00							513 85		1,423 85	
Thompson Rest Home								15 00		15 00	
Beulah Rest Home				200 00				75 70		275 70	
Burge Hospital				15 00						15 00	
David & Margaret Home				313 25						313 25	
Hazelton Slavonic Home								3,816 00		3,816 00	
McCrum Slavonic Home	600 00							6,873 37		7,473 37	
East St. Louis Slavonic Tr. School				1,619 83						1,619 83	
Olive Hill, Ky	750 00		$11 95					1,075 02		1,836 97	
Erie Home, Harlan, Ky	570 00		173 50					3,563 15		4,306 65	
Rock Spring, Wyoming				350 00						350 00	
Permanent Deaconess Fund				172 22						172 22	
Deaconess Homes				17,152 04	$81,000 79		$21,172 04		$326,970 35	17,152 04	$429,143 18
Totals	$66,848 25		$5,473 98	$76,153 99		$51,939 17		$176,278 46		$376,693 85	

EXPENDITURES.—Year 1912-1913.

	Salary.	General.		Total.	
		Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.
Administration—					
Secretaries:					
Bureau		$1,908 98			
Corresponding	$1,000 00				
Recording	500 00	24 50			
Field	1,000 00	579 60			
Treasurer	500 00				
Total, Secretaries	$3,000 00	$2,513 08		$5,513 08	
Deaconess Bureau		$3,369 29			
Organizers	11,251 91				
Printing		3,478 55			
Insurance		4,956 38			
Annual Meeting		2,490 65			
Total, Miscellaneous	$11,251 91	$14,294 87		$25,546 78	
Offices:					
Boston	$515 50	$125 04			
Chicago	660 00	425 00			
Cincinnati	1,312 00	891 95			
Delaware	600 00	212 80			
Detroit	665 00	1,074 47			
New York	2,841 69	1,774 33			
San Francisco	150 00	120 00			
Publishing	2,050 00	11 43			
Treasurer, Bookkeeper	900 00	100 00			
Total, Offices	$9,694 19	$4,735 02		$14,429 21	
Miscellaneous—(Legal Expense, Mite-box, Tax, and Misc.)		$6,669 34		$6,669 34	
Interest Annuities		5,900 15		5,900 15	
Notes		4,385 90		4,385 90	
Endowments		750 50		750 50	
Notes Paid		23,000 00		23,000 00	
Annuity returned		2,500 00		2,500 00	
Totals	$23,946 10	$64,748 86		$88,694 96	
Cash Balance July 31, 1913		$2,677 72		$2,677 72	

Department of Young People.

The faithful co-operation and earnest effort of our Young People's Conference Secretaries and their District Secretaries and the great army of Young People, who have labored unceasingly, make possible the glorious record of the year's work.

We have been able to keep in close touch with our scattered constituency by much correspondence, thereby cementing our bond of love and service.

The growth of the year's work speaks in no uncertain sound. It has been steady and healthy. If we were able to solve the problem of keeping all of our members, our total in membership would show a marvelous increase. We think our Young People have just reason to rejoice in their achievements. All honor to our girls. They are "workmen that needeth not to be ashamed." Our organizations number 1,926, an increase of 270; with a membership of 36,530, an increase of 2,651; receipts $77,818.03, an increase of $15,038.59. Of the total amount of receipts, $23,247.95 was for Student Aid, $13,378.48 was for dues, $8,827.44 was for supplies, and $32,364.16 was for various funds.

North-East Ohio Conference leads in organizations, 86; Detroit in membership, 1,670, and Pittsburgh in finance, $13,931.34, the latter being entitled to the flag. Philadelphia stands number two. Christ Church of Pittsburgh Young Women receives the banner for raising the largest amount as an organization. Holston Conference is awarded the banner for the largest proportionate increase.

These amounts are verified by the Conference Treasurers. We publicly acknowledge the courtesy and spirit of helpfulness of these good women. The frequent changes in the office of the Young People's Conference Secretaries has made the work unusually taxing. Sometimes three months will have elapsed before we receive notification of a change, thereby entailing a repetition of the work of that quarter. When the changes occur, kindly notify at once the Secretary of the Department.

We desire to call your attention to the excellent work of our Field Secretaries, the reports of whom will be found in the Hand-book for 1914. We want you to have the benefit of their services. They are at your command.

The *Quarterly Message* that was issued this year has met a long-felt need in placing before our Young People plans of study. Many words of commendation have come to us for this new help.

The roll of Queen Esther Life-members is growing. Forty-five Certificates were issued this year, making a total of 155 since the inception of the same. A voucher must be sent to the General Secretary of the Department by the Conference Treasurer before the Certificate can be issued; kindly remember this. Rock River Conference stands at the head of the list for this year with eleven Queen Esther Life-members.

If your Circle has been successful, pass your method along. Miss Van Marter has kindly given us a page in *Home Missions,* and you are to use it.

One Queen Esther Secretary wrote that the Circle did beautiful work. They raised $45 for a bubbling fountain in the church. The object was a good one, but please let us remember that *our* efforts must be centered on the great work of our Society, such as caring for the girls who are not so fortunate as we. Our College Secretary, Miss Barge, has labored assiduously for the success of this branch of our work, and is in constant touch with a number of Young People who, upon graduation, are looking forward to entering our work.

The year's work is closed. The record is in the keeping of Him who slumbers not nor sleeps.

Our hearts are deeply grateful for His care and protection. While death and destruction came to many of our towns by the flood, and our work suffered by this calamity, yet we felt that God's loving care is over us.

Some of our girls passed to the portals beyond, but the ranks of our Secretaries in the flooded districts remained unbroken.

With faith and courage we step over the threshold of a new year, thanking our Father for His loving watchfulness over us the past year, and trust to His care the work of the Young People of our great Society for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. David Dailey, Jr., *General Secretary.*

STATISTICAL REPORT, DEPARTMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

CONFERENCES.	Queen Esther Circles, Home Mission Circles, Young People's Home Missionary Societies, Young Woman's Auxiliaries.	Members	Dues	Scholarships or Student Aid	Other Funds	Free-will Building Fund or Thank-offering	Robinson Hall	Supplies	Total	Queen Esther Life Members
Alabama	1	60		$10 00		$20 00	$10 00		$40 00	
Atlanta	1	30	$10 00		$8 00	2 00			20 00	
Arizona Mission	1	21	12 25	67 65					79 90	
Arkansas	2	30	9 70	100 00					109 70	
Baltimore	41	947	415 36	653 69	1892 96	14 28		$184 34	3160 63	
California	28	350	61 65	383 85	12 85				458 35	
Central Illinois	29	565	128 85	412 00	31 53	8 80	10 50		591 68	
Central New York	39	719	332 12	304 00	441 45			100 00	1177 57	
Central Ohio	42	1007	362 73	486 50	255 81	11 65		40 72	1157 41	
Central Pennsylvania	44	1309	467 11	318 50	289 86	351 45	30 00	270 94	1727 86	2
Chicago German	7	145								
Cincinnati	37	616	378 86	387 50	54 14	562 39		157 30	1540 19	
Colorado	25	300	63 90	162 75			9 00	217 05	452 70	
Columbia River	13	298	95 42	190 05	82 07		12 04	14 75	394 33	
Des Moines	72	975	301 00	767 00	164 05	118 00	30 00	125 00	1505 05	
Delaware	4	50	19 35	26 00	1 50				46 85	
Detroit	80	1670	591 55	1217 75	371 93	231 69	55 30	327 12	2795 34	1
East Tennessee	4	53	5 00		50				5 50	
Erie	35	826	398 51	774 06	94 26	393 59	10 00	334 80	2005 22	
Genesee	40	879	386 19	266 19	1027 35	199 01	30 00	250 00	2158 74	
Georgia	1	15								
Holston	6	206	35 00	221 19	1 50	108 52		5 00	371 21	
Illinois	58	1064	425 52	917 10	72 58	156 62	15 00	538 15	2124 97	
Indiana	27	705	205 42	232 46	141 57	30 10	19 00	183 19	811 74	
Iowa	27	495	199 02	196 46	103 47		11 50	53 86	5 4 31	
Kansas	15	200	68 16	135 00	5 54	14 00		27 07	249 77	
Kentucky	7	153	38 90		52 48	110 12		17 00	218 50	
Lexington	32	321	23 92	24 60	14 42			7 00	69 94	
Little Rock	9	100	30 60		131 20	220 79	5 00		387 59	
Maine	15	198	92 65	11 25	63 00		3 00	5 70	175 60	
Michigan	30	531	137 20	286 33	65 12	55 50		98 16	642 31	
Minnesota	31	440	147 07	160 00	169 65	35 00	9 00	138 25	658 97	
Missouri	3	49	24 01	50 00	10 00		1 67	3 42	89 10	
Nebraska	23	273	30 00	200 00	118 46				348 46	
Newark	31	817	273 85	833 00	116 56	47 02	40 00	127 85	1438 28	
New England	30	600	332 70	115 00	68 65	165 00	20 00		791 35	
New England South'n	9	147	74 82	80 00	17 13	13 00			184 95	
New Hampshire	12	198	50 95	233 00	1 80	8 00	5 00	37 34	336 09	
New Jersey	37	938	446 93	813 00	238 94	324 59	66 00	183 72	2073 18	
New Mexico Mission	1	8	6 10		9 00				15 10	
New York	19	405	160 00	300 00	91 00	87 56	37 00	360 21	1035 77	
New York East	46	973	309 87	1048 13	52 10	53 55		233 48	1697 13	
North Carolina	3	54	4 50						4 50	
North Dakota	7	145	53 10	133 75	50	2 75			190 10	
North Indiana	50	1010	387 74	737 75	570 27	5 00	14 25	142 59	1857 60	
North Nebraska	6	144	54 40	40 00				7 50	101 90	
North-East Ohio	86	1639	754 17	1567 33	498 75	332 48		616 19	3768 92	
Northern Minnesota	29	618	171 85	575 51	170 68	105 00	6 00	63 00	1092 04	
Northern New York	32	519	257 86	418 50	30 28	335 38	8 50	41 19	1091 71	
Northwest Indiana	35	414	253 90	543 92	282 17	5 00		144 82	1229 81	
Northwest Iowa	21	314	200 95	22 50	168 25	137 60		116 85	646 15	
Northwest Kansas	16	216	51 56	161 90					213 46	
Ohio	30	663	256 13	279 06	429 39			269 57	1234 15	
Oklahoma	22	278	39 40		32 60	1 60	30 00	73 56	177 16	
Oregon	10	307	37 03	93 50	19 44			24 45	174 42	
Philadelphia	50	1204	460 39	366 00	317 33	1521 48	48 00	1163 48	3816 68	
Pittsburgh	54	1222	396 52	399 00	12818 89	192 43		124 50	13931 34	
Puget Sound	24	370	87 19	323 41	23 56		2 15	4 16	440 47	
Rock River	68	1421	514 75	1503 27	1260 09		10 00	173 79	3461 90	
St. Louis	23	365	162 47	310 57	71 34	144 50		305 30	994 18	
South Kansas	13	336	100 79	291 00	114 08	20 00			525 87	
Southern California	69	1336	520 17	1236 27	148 00	945 66		525 00	3375 10	
Southern Illinois	21	420	117 68	220 40	153 50	74 45		286 50	852 53	
Southwest Kansas	28	500	109 45	300 00	138 18			14 50	562 13	
St. Johns River	3	25			12 50				12 50	
Troy	66	1105	433 60	705 10	251 92	139 20		361 39	1891 21	
Upper Iowa	32	449	169 16	61 87	8 05	193 58		64 65	497 31	
Vermont	11	125	80 60			2 80		10 45	93 85	
Washington	21	429	78 40	17 68	33 50	34 55		91 65	255 78	
West Virginia	19	147	73 87	100 00	50 75	14 96	25 00	61 93	326 51	
West Wisconsin	13	115	69 02	67 00	55 32		3 00	26 50	220 84	
Wilmington	12	212	105 79	218 65	48 01		9 50	16 00	397 95	
Wisconsin	8	110	36 03		71 75				107 78	
Wyoming	30	632	187 77	230 00	82 15	88 42	6 00	56 50	650 84	
At Large										
Total	1926	36530	$13378 48	$23247 95	$24133 68	$7639 07	$591 41	$8827 44	$77818 03	

MRS. DAVID DAILEY, JR., *Secretary.*

Department of Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels.

With a brain full of apprehensions we accepted the General Secretaryship of Guards and Jewels when, last fall, it was so unexpectedly bestowed. To do successfully the large tasks seemed much, while to attempt to follow methodical Miss Guernsey in this office appeared something akin to presumption. But this first year has closed, and so full has it been of activities, of the edged zest for the forward march, of the hours of careful thought, and volumes of correspondence, not to mention miles of travel, that there was no abiding place left for fear-gnomes.

We come with our report of the year's work forgetful of all else save the keen satisfaction of seeing memberships and dollars roll from the hundreds into the columns of the thousands. No bitter dreg in such joy! Mistakes? Yes! At times we have positively blundered. But children learn to walk by *falls* as well as steps, and we are a child with the children.

We believe our reporting system might be improved. We seek all helpful suggestions at this point. Additional itemized points would aid. Indeed, through our own ignorance we omitted two important items—that of subscriptions to *Children's Home Missions,* and Jewel and Junior Life-memberships. This much-desired yet unsatisfied knowledge for ourselves on these points turns upon us now as its own task-master. But these reports reveal some other facts that are gratifying. From the seventy-two Conferences on our list we have had reports from fifty-one. This is not the hour to fix our gaze on the *"has-nots,"* but rather on those that have reported, and thank them heartily for their responses. When another year's books open we will turn our thoughts on those that have, through remissness or otherwise, given no reply through report blanks. Notice closely that though this was the first year the children had been asked to observe "Self-denial Week," they report $90.57. Remember, this was gleaned from penny gifts, while you mothers glean yours from dollars.

Could we have looked for a much better beginning? The letters that came as an accompaniment to the gleanings as to the "hows" and "whys" of it all were worth as much as the money—yes, more, for they showed that the "building-in" process had begun on natures that would bear much larger results in later years. And it counts to all of us as a soul-stimulus. A band of little Negro children made one of the finest of the self-denial offerings. A number of children caught "the habit," and others will catch it and join us this next year. Yes, and we shall try to keep "Home Missions Week" and "Comrade Day" and every good thing that goes another twelve-month.

Running through the letters from Conference Secretaries of Children's Work, we catch a glimpse of golden promise in the hopefully expressed expectations of increase in effort and purpose for another year. To make this a happy realization, however, our dear Conference Secretaries of Children's Work want to carefully instruct and persistently aid

each of their District Secretaries until they have really "learned how." Let each Secretary carefully read the tabulated report, and compare her own Conference statistics and see if she ranks well. Such a report as Rock River shows what can be done through children in a big city with its various problems, while such as Genesee, Central Pennsylvania, Detroit, Indiana, and some others, prove what children can do. But even these need to look closely at the dues "deficit" column. It is possible for the weakest to become the strongest if there is a will to climb.

Secretaries and children. have you used some good effort this year? Then put forth more for the next. We will say to our good Father,

"Lord, if I may,
I 'll serve another day."

Mrs. Annie Hobbs Woodcock,
General Secretary of Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF CHILDREN'S WORK FOR 1912 TO 1913.—Mrs. Annie Hobbs Woodcock.

Conference	Home Guards.					Mothers' Jewels.				Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels.						Des Moines, Iowa.	
	Companies	Membership	Dues	Deficit	Study Course	Bands	Membership	Dues	Deficit	Student Aid	Other Work	Self-Denial	Jr. L. and S. S.	Mite-Box Money Listed in Previous Columns: New Pledges		Remarks.	
Baltimore																No report	All money raised.
California	7		$14 55			15	3,005	$30 53		$38 75	$83 83		$3 75			1 Jr. Life	$171 41
Central Illinois																No report	
Central New York	23	257	53 50	$9 75	3	47	986	89 80	$8 54	29 60	42 66	8 32		$5 00	$15 96		223 88
Central Ohio	11	261	36 87	28 58	4	23	601	48 82	11 68	120 68		5 90			24 83		212 27
Central Pennsylvania	11	164	50 95		4	21	1,221	123 10		144 46	36 05		22 00			1 Jr. Life and 1 Jewel	346 56
Cincinnati	14	319	72 00	6 75	3	24	1,316	108 05	23 55	300 54							480 59
Colorado	2					2											
Columbia River	6	99	5 41	19 34	2	7	234	5 80	17 60	17 00	47 13				21 57		75 34
Des Moines	12	103	25 69			13	399	39 95		103 26	6 42	6 36	39 65		13 50	1 Jr. Life Mem., 57 Jewel Life.	231 23
Delaware							633									Not sure if these are M. J. or H. G.	
Detroit	18	405	41 15	110 10	5	46	11,899	168 83	21 07	211 69	21 00	4 26			116 43		446 93
East Maine																No report	
Erie	11	208	25 89	74 25		16	447	39 13	5 57	30 07	57 78						152 87
Genesee	16	360	50 40	39 60	12	20	1,076	77 67	214 46		205 00		126 86		91 38	4 Jewel Life	459 93
Holston	1	10	25	2 25		4	98	7 55	2 25	2 57	2 60				7 26	Sec. knows of 3 other reports not in	12 97
Illinois																No report. 8 Jewel. 1 organized some.	
Indiana	13	297	25 66	48 59		35	11,848	108 67	46 13	100 58			15 00	139 76	139 76		249 91
Iowa	10	95	23 75			16	296	29 60		54 05	18 40	90				2 Jr., 2 Jewels, and 1 H. G.	126 70
Kansas	7	121	12 50	17 75		10	254	13 90	11 50	20 00				38 00	17 17	46 Jewel Life	44 40
Kentucky																No report	
Lexington	13	147	36 82			13	98	2 78	7 52	5 00		1 39		3 85	6 87		45 49
Little Rock	4	45	8 91	2 34		5	33	1 50	1 80		55 02					No report	
Maine	2	16	25	4 35		6	50	3 00	2 00							Most of these just organized; not yet pd	3 25
Michigan	13	150	37 06	44		23	532	22 05		47 45	25 13				26 20	22 Jr. Life Members	201 69
Minnesota	6	86	21 00	50	2	6	126	12 60		17 86	81 50	2 75		20 00	10 00	All are at work	135 72

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Conference.	Home Guards.					Mothers' Jewels.				Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels.						Remarks.	
	Companies	Membership	Dues	Deficit	Study Course	Bands	Membership	Dues	Deficit	Student Aid	Other Work	Self-Denial	Jr. L. and S. S.	Mite-Box Money Listed in Previous Columns: New Pledges	Mite-Box Money Listed in Previous Columns		
Missouri	1	15				1	19								$15 00	Just organized; dues not yet in	
Montana																No report	
Nebraska	2	47	$8 25	$3 50	2	5	421	$16 00	$26 10	$15 00	$53 22						$92 47
Newark	9	191	30 50	17 25	2	20	722	53 80	18 40			$12 55			21 63		96 85
New England	5	84	5 50	15 50		28	1,600	139 80	20 92	26 85		7 00	$1 70				179 93
New Eng. Southern																No report	
New Hampshire	8	133	19 90	13 35	2	9	291	29 70		16 70	12 51	1 00			8 97		79 81
New Jersey	3	77	10 07	9 18		17	641	49 40	14 70	41 48	60 97	3 75	5 00		33 99	9 Jewel Life	179 83
New York	9	150	20 00	17 50	5	8	130	11 00	2 00	300 74	355 09		25 00		Most all		111 67
New York, East	3	63	8 55	7 20		5	130	13 00	82 16					$80 00	1 11	No report	101 55
North Dakota																No report	
North Indiana	12	200	50 00			20	613	61 30			76 60					No report	
North Mississippi																No report	
North Ohio																1 Junior Life	
North Nebraska	2	37	4 79	4 56		4	92	9 20			25 55		7 28	25 00			46 82
North-East Ohio	31	536	121 08	13 92	8	37	1,427	138 75	3 95	380 88	229 62	12 03	24 00	85 00	19 22		676 74
Northern Minnesota	5	53	13 32			8	273	27 35					22 35		26 49		57 03
Northern New York	9	98	18 65	5 85		22	698	55 30	14 50	93 41	21 58	3 58	2 50		71 28		190 50
Northwest Indiana	10	279	26 61	43 14	4	22	802	70 05	10 15	85 00						46 Life Members	181 60
Northwest Iowa	12	140	35 03			15	330	33 07			18 79					15 Life Members	86 89
Northwest Kansas																No report	
Ohio	10	275	42 16	26 59		6	280	19 35	8 65	56 85	92 31						210 67
Oklahoma																No report. 4 Jewel Life	
Oregon	3	25	6 25			7	182	18 20		16 72		86					42 03
Philadelphia	12	171	42 70			13	394	39 45		50 00	216 25		4 46			1 Junior	352 86
Pittsburgh	4	93	23 28			11	250	25 00		130 00	50 50		6 10		14 00		234 88
Puget Sound	6	137	23 25	10 90		5	162	13 50	2 70	8 00	14 00						58 85
Rock River	48	464	116 00		24	53	2,160	216 00		385 66			23 80	265 00	460 40	Gave outing to 1,000, and later a dinner to 376	740 80
Savannah																No report	
St. Louis	3	28	6 90		3	6	248	24 80			19 94				1 44	2 Jewels	51 14
South Kansas	1	11	4 80				42	4 20		15 00		45					24 45

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Conference.	Home Guards.					Mothers' Jewels.				Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels.						Remarks.	
	Companies	Membership	Dues	Deficit	Study Course	Bands	Membership	Dues	Deficit	Student Aid	Other Work	Self-Denial	Jr. L. and S. S.	Mite-Box Money Listed in Previous Columns: New Pledges	Mite-Box Money Listed in Previous Columns		
Southern California	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,349	$155 18	.....	$288 20	$136 10	.....	.....	.....	$110 00	62 Jewels and 9 Junior Life	$579 48
Southern Illinois	8	144	$35 78	$0 22	...	12	327	32 37	.....	60 00	65 08	$2 70	.....	$88 00	34 00	First copy lost; second came late	185 93
Southwest Kansas	6	60	14 50	50	6	11	293	29 30	.....	29 25	1 00	.....	$5 00	.....	.....	1 Jewel Life	79 05
Texas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No report	.....
Troy	13	321	40 25	40 00	...	12	380	38 70	.....	176 20	.....	.....	9 00	.....	36 81	.....	264 15
Upper Iowa	15	193	43 40	4 85	15	15	366	30 60	.....	55 00	65 50	56	.....	.....	4 00	8 Jewel Life	194 50
Vermont	8	155	14 60	14 15	2	4	700	10 00	.....	.....	17 84	75	1 61	.....	12 16	.....	44 79
Washington	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No report	.....
West Nebraska	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No report	.....
West Texas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No report	.....
West Virginia	2	50	5 25	7 25	1	1	20	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	20 25
West Wisconsin	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No report	.....
Wilmington	1	5	1 25	.....	...	10	390	38 97	.....	5 81	.....	.....	2 85	.....	5 81	.....	13 88
Wisconsin	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No report	.....
Wyoming	10	239	38 98	5 27	8	24	1,371	113 40	$23 70	62 38	34 94	15 45	25 00	.....	.....	.....	389 15
Totals	460	6615	$1,316 42	$625 13	117	765	29,037	$2,562 84	$573 85	$3,630 78	$2,243 56	$90 57	$272 97	$647 46	$1,653 80		$9,557 69

Number of Jewel Life Members, so far as reported	287
Number of Junior Life Members, so far as reported	22
Number of Home Guards, so far as reported	3
Total Number of Organizations, Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels	1,235
Total Membership of both	35,654
Total Dues of both	$3,879 32
Total Deficit of both	1,199 00
Grand Total of all moneys paid by Mothers' Jewels and Home Guard	$10,095 61
Had there been no deficiencies in dues, there would have been collected,	11,041 28

	1912 Given	1913 Given in Dues.	Per Cent Gain.
In 1912, Central Ohio had ribbon and banner largest per cent H. G. dues, $25 being minimum dues at start. In 1913, they gave it to Mrs. J. M. Ewry, Madisonville, Ohio, for Cincinnati Conference	$313 28	$480 59	$167 00
In 1912, Genesee held the small flag for largest per cent gain in total amounts of money, $50, Being minimum, it was given to So. California for 1913.	33 33	579 48	244 65

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Conference.	Pledges.				
	Home.	Name of Child.	Amt.	Guards—Jewels	Address of Sponsor.
Kansas Conference	Italian Kindergarten, New Orleans	"Joe"	$15 00	Jewels	Mrs. E. L. Knostman, 615 Humboldt St., Manhattan.
	Bennett	Helen Symonds	10 00	Guards	Mrs. Chas. W. Landon, 507 Humboldt St., Manhattan.
	Italian Kindergarten, New Orleans	"Antonia"	13 00	Guards and Jewels	Mrs. R. M. Petherbudge, Basehoo.
Central New York (Maybe last year.)			5 00	Guards	Mrs. F. M. Williams, Lyons.
Lexington	Mothers' Jewels Home		3 85		
Minnesota	Cedar Town, Ga., "Lewis"	"Lewis"	20 00		Carrie Leavett, 2035 Dayton Ave., St. Paul.
Missouri	Olive Hill Kind, Scholarship		15 00		Mrs. Lucius L. Smith, Fillmore, Mo.
New Hampshire	Navajo Indians, Farmington, N. M.			Guards and Jewels	Miss Helen Cairnes, 45 Lowell St., Methmen, Mass.
New York, East	Watts DePeyster	"Matilda"	15 00	Jewels	First Church, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
	(To be assigned)		15 00	Jewels	First Church, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
	Ritter Home		50 00	Guards	First Church, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
North Nebraska	Mothers' Jewels Home		10 00	Jewels	Mrs. R. F. Shacklock, St. Edwards, Neb.
	Mothers' Jewels Home		15 00	Jewels	Mrs. R. F. Shacklock, St. Edwards, Neb.
North-East Ohio	Japanese Kindergarten, San Francisco, Cal.	"Yoshi Soto"	15 00	Guards	Mrs. Ralph Emerson, New Philadelphia, Ohio.
	Cunningham, Urgana, Ill		35 00	Guards	Mrs. J. C. Norris, Coshocton, Ohio.
	Not decided		30 00	Guards	Mrs. J. W. Campbell, Cambridge, Ohio.
	Cunningham, Urbana, Ill		5 00	Guards	First Church, Mansfield, Ohio.
	Porto Rico	Child		Guards	Mrs. J. E. Bonsall, R. F. D., Salem, Guards.
Rock River	McKinley School	"Veronica"	15 00	Guards and Jewels	South Chicago, Sunday School Superintendent.
	Rust Home	Anna Waddington	50 00		C. S. District, Mrs. R. G. Clark, District Secretary.
	Susannah Wesley Home	Katie Sin	70 00	Guards	Mrs. George Miller, Secretary R. District.
	George O. Robinson	"Eracitico"	15 00	Jewels	Mrs. Damm, Superintendent.
			30 00	Jewels	(Personal) Mrs. M. M. Rochaleau.
	Berkley	"Ah Wah"	15 00	Jewels	Miss Pearce, Waukegan, Superintendent.
	Berkley	"Ping"	70 00		C. W. D., Miss Fitzweder, West Secretary.

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Conference.	PLEDGES.				
	Home.	Name of Child.	Amt.	Guards—Jewels	Address of Sponsor.
Detroit	2 Desks and 1 Window (May have been last year.)				
Northwest Indiana	Japanese Kindergarten		$15 00	Jewels	Maple Avenue Church, Terre Haute, Ind.
	Mothers' Jewels Home		5 00	Jewels	Mattox Church.
	Japanese Kindergarten		15 00	Jewels	First Church, Terre Haute, Ind.
	Katherine Blain Kindergarten		15 00	Guards	South Bend, Ind.
		Chinese Girl	3 10	Guards	Hammond District.
	Any Southern School	White girl	10 00	Guards	Hammond District.
Kansas Conference		Band	50 00	Jewels	Atchinson, Kan.
Michigau	Robinson Hall	A Bed	10 63		
Southern Illinois	Ellen S. Fors	Dorothy Moon	10 00	Guards	Pinckneyville.
	Slavonic Home, East St. Louis	Young People's Room	5 00	Guards	Pinckneyville.
	Holden Hospital		5 00	Guards	Marion.
	E. L. Rust Home	Building Fund, Y. P. Room	1 00	Guards	Marion.
	Farmington, N. M	Adam Lincoln	10 00	Guards	Marion.
	Holden Hospital		5 00	Guards	Marion.
	Slavonic Home	Young People's Room	5 00	Guards	Marion.
	E. L. Rust Home	Building Fund	1 00	Guards	Ashley.
	Slavonic Home	"Window," Young People's Room	10 00	Guards	Granite City.
	Farmington, New Mexico Navajo	"Adam Lincoln"	10 00	Guards	Granite City.
	E. L. Rust Home	Building Fund	1 00	Guards	Granite City.
	Robinson Hall	Queen Esther Room	1 00	Guards	Carbondale.
	Ellen S. Ford	Dorothy Moon	5 00	Guards	Carbondale.
	Slavonic Home, East St. Louis	Young People's Room	5 00	Guards	Carbondale.
	Holden Hospital		5 00	Guards	Carbondale.
	Ellen Ford	Dorothy Moon	2 00	Guards	Murphysboro, Ill.
	Harwood Home, New Mexico	"Angeleta"	5 00	Guards	Cairo.
	Farmington, New Mexico, Navajo	Adam Lincoln	2 00	Guards	Mary Olive.
Total			$745 58		

Mission Supplies.

It is easy to forget the discouragements and trials of the year when the summing up of work done proves that it has not been done in vain. "The administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God." These words of Paul seem specially applicable to the work of this year, for never have so many letters of commendation come to me from grateful hearts.

One of our Bishops, writing of conditions in the Blue Ridge Mountains, where, he says, the ministers scarcely see twenty-five dollars in cash in a year, adds, "I am delighted to receive the help given by the Woman's Home Missionary Society."

From a District Superintendent in Montana came this letter: "I feel obliged to write you my hearty appreciation of the timely and substantial aid to a number of parsonages on this Yellowstone District, in which the rigors of winter are far less dreaded through what the Woman's Home Missionary Society has done. I do not know the addresses of all Auxiliaries helping. I wish I could thank every organization and every individual rendering help. All material sent was so very substantial, and words will never tell what it has meant. Some of our missionaries in Montana stay on their fields at wonderful sacrifice; they travel incredible distances in very extreme weather. The Woman's Home Missionary Society fur coats have been their life-preserver this winter. God bless the great work!"

Five hundred and ninety-two appeals for ministers were sent out during the year; 13 more than last year. There was sent out in cash and new goods, $95,531.04; an increase over last year of $8,133.59. Of this amount ministers received about $43,000. Five thousand nine hundred and forty-nine books were contributed. In 42 out of the 64 Conferences from which reports were received, there was an increase in work done. Indiana Conference made the largest gain. North-East Ohio Conference is the banner Conference. Newark Conference is second.

This splendid record was made by the giving of time, labor, money, sacrifice. "But it is in giving, not in seeking gifts, we find our quest. Our souls are fed, and we do truly live."

The need in the West was perhaps never greater than this fall, on account of the failure of crops. The Churches will suffer. A Conference Supply Secretary wrote me she was ashamed to indulge in any luxury because of the need around her. Our Society is not afraid to again press forward and to say to those in need, we will come to your relief, for back of us is an army of loyal women with willing hands and sympathetic hearts who realize God's best gift to us is not material things, but opportunities.

Reports show our Homes and Schools have been well cared for. Let us remember we can not afford to do less than our best for any institution under our care. With so much to be done "Do not pray for easy lives. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers, but powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle. but you shall be a miracle. Every day you shall wonder at the richness of life that has come to you by the grace of God."

MRS. E. J. KING, *Secretary.*

REPORT BY CONFERENCES.

	Cash.	Books.
Arizona Mission	$143 50	...
Baltimore	2,256 61	199
California	862 59	146
Central Illinois	440 80	86
Central New York	2,093 26	332
Central Ohio	1,519 37	75
Central Pennsylvania	1,701 82	267
Cincinnati	2,149 58	...
Colorado	2,811 08	722
Columbia River	233 57	...
Dakota	190 43	...
Delaware	.....	...
Des Moines	1,598 24	23
Detroit	1,704 59	...
East Oklahoma Mission	.....	...
Erie	1,562 35	119
Georgia	.....	...
Genessee	4,076 23	...
Idaho	264 05	150
Illinois	3,325 87	261
Indiana	3,272 66	384
Iowa	1,051 38	45
Kansas	765 50	40
Kentucky	178 74	109
Lexington	78 66	16
Maine	327 39	...
Michigan	912 05	...
Missouri	.....	...
Minnesota	1,219 92	9
Nebraska	1,369 48	...
Newark	4,684 12	144
New England	865 59	69
New England Southern	348 54	15
New Hampshire	179 85	40
New Jersey	1,616 51	...
New York	4,124 86	120
New York East	1,729 58	204
North Dakota	.....	...
North Indiana	1,717 68	325
North Montana	.....	...
North-East Ohio	5,783 98	...
North Nebraska	860 55	...
Northwest Missouri	20 95	...
Northwest Nebraska	543 99	...
Northwest Indiana	1,258 01	94
Northwest Iowa	848 65	38
Northwest Kansas	751 00	...
Northern Minnesota	1,062 61	...
Northern New York	1,019 00	...
Ohio	3,676 36	516
Oklahoma	239 18	60
Oregon	980 24	...
Philadelphia	4,579 63	536
Pittsburgh	2,054 27	...
Puget Sound	248 62	54

	Cash.	Books.
Rock River	3,751 45	343
St. Louis	1,186 00	...
St. John's River	3 00	...
South Kansas	471 10	...
Southwest Kansas	1,264 70	25
Southern California	3,559 65	173
Southern Illinois	1,492 43	198
Troy	3,358 14	55
Upper Iowa	746 57	47
Utah Mission	.....	...
Vermont	323 48	100
Washington	1,175 53	...
West Nebraska	.....	...
West Virginia	632 77	98
West Wisconsin	96 14	...
Wilmington	234 23	...
Wisconsin	322 69	214
Wyoming	1,609 67	46
Totals	$95,531 04	5,949

Mrs. E. Y. King, *Secretary.*

MITE-BOXES.

In submitting the report of the Bureau for Mite-boxes for the year 1912-13, I wish first to express my appreciation of the work that has been so faithfully performed by the band of loyal women all over this broad land having this work in charge.

Sixty Conferences reported last year and I find in the same number there has been an increase in nearly all.

I sincerely ask your prayers that in the coming year this work may grow, particularly, in the weaker Conferences who are trying to help all they possibly can.

Reports have been received from seventy-six Conferences and are as follows:

Amount of Mite-box Collections.

Alabama	$24 75	Genesee	992 17
Arizona	154 00	Holston	32 00
Baltimore	1,045 50	Idaho	52 00
California	736 78	Illinois	807 63
Central Illinois	358 23	Indiana	1,258 06
Central New York	847 79	Iowa	685 26
Central Ohio	1,021 72	Kansas	150 44
Central Pennsylvania	932 74	Kentucky	94 88
Cincinnati	1,524 46	Lexington	38 70
Colorado	339 77	Little Rock	148 00
Columbia River	153 41	Maine	211 69
Dakota	53 18	Michigan	731 08
Delaware	41 33	Minnesota	198 67
Des Moines	950 72	Missouri	22 76
Detroit	2,298 22	Nebraska	125 80
E. Maine	14 73	New Jersey	712 29
E. Swedish	5 00	Newark	1,101 48
E. Tennessee	1 00	New England	488 26
Erie	1,264 93	New England Southern	429 53

New Hampshire	137 49	St. Louis	790 68
New York	868 52	South Kansas	518 00
New York East	827 95	Southern California	1,822 48
North Carolina	1 25	Southern Illinois	194 95
North Dakota	10 00	Southwest Kansas	788 49
North Indiana	2,906 50	Tennessee	3 52
North Nebraska	163 47	Troy	490 67
Northeast Ohio	1,377 65	Upper Iowa	550 80
Northern Minnesota	595 06	Upper Mississippi	1 00
Northern New York	634 86	Vermont	154 52
Northwest Indiana	1,115 27	Washington	43 00
Northwest Iowa	471 36	West Nebraska	15 00
Northwest Kansas	199 82	West Virginia	235 11
Northwest Nebraska	3 06	West Wisconsin	129 37
Ohio	1,059 62	Wilmington	306 80
Oklahoma	182 34	Wisconsin	100 06
Oregon	215 71	Wyoming	1,360 31
Philadelphia	1,027 27	Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels	1,565 61
Pittsburgh	750 46		
Porto Rico	13 00		
Puget Sound	397 39	Total	$43,603 38
Rock River	1,479 00	Increase over last year	$7,498 08

Summary.

The banner Conference is North Indiana	$2,906 50
Detroit Conference second	2,251 40
Southern California third	1,822 48
Cincinnati fourth	1,524 46
Rock River fifth	1,479 00
North-East Ohio sixth	1,377 65
Wyoming seventh	1,360 31
Erie eighth	1,264 93
Indiana ninth	1,258 06
Northwest Indiana tenth	1,115 27
Newark eleventh	1,101 48
Ohio twelfth	1,059 62
Philadelhpia thirteenth	1,027 27
Central Ohio fourteenth	1,021 72
In Baltimore Conference one box contained	50 00
In North Indiana Conference one box contained	60 20
In North Indiana Conference one box contained	24 07
In North Indiana Conference one box contained	23 75
In Detroit Conference one box contained	25 00
In Wyoming Conference one box contained	26 00
In Wyoming Conference one box contained	25 00
In Illinois Conference one box contained	25 00
In Cincinnati Conference two boxes each contained	10 00
In Southwest Kansas Conference one box contained	20 00
In Northwest Kansas Conference one box contained	20 00
In Philadelphia Conference one box contained	20 00
In West Virginia Conference one box contained	16 27
In Ohio Conferenee one box contained	15 28
In New England Conference one box contained	8 00
In California Conference one box contained	10 00
In St. Louis Conference the Kansas City National Training School raised	280 60
The girls in Geo. O. Robinson Orphanage at Porto Rico raised.	13 00
Number of mite-boxes sent out	118,502
Gain over last year	20,387

Reports From Bureaus.

GEORGIA.

Thayer Home, Atlanta, Ga.

(National.)

(Scholarship, $50.)

It is with great pleasure we again report the work of this Bureau. We record another year of faithful service and efficient work at Thayer Home. At the close of the school term in May we graduated an unusually large class with the accustomed interesting exercises, mingled with the music of wedding bells. For three marriages were solemnized in our Home: Miss Sydney Johnston, domestic science teacher; Miss Mary E. Madison, daughter of our household and our successful kindergarten teacher for some years, and Miss Anna Mendell, who returned to her alma mater for this great event of her life. We wish them all great joy and happiness.

This coming year we are planning the enlargement of our present building, providing additional space in dining room, cooking school, and sewing department; also extension of our heat and light plant, making a larger equipment for better service.

Speedwell Home and Day School, Sandfly, Ga.

(Scholarship, $50.)

We are caring for the work of Haven Home at Speedwell, so far as limited accommodations will permit. In addition to this, we are carrying a large day school there with an enrollment of eighty pupils. This school is filling a long-felt need of the neighborhood and is receiving more and more appreciation by the community. Four of the thirteen girls cared for in our Home graduated in May. We are only able to fill their places this year, thereby turning away many applicants for admission to our Home. We have been able to secure the quit claim to the back lot to the right of our Home; also a small lot of 60 x 100 feet, with house and out-buildings. This makes our property at Speedwell a square plot of ground with Home, church, and out-buildings. We hope to enclose this all with a good stout fence this coming year.

We now turn our attention to the construction of our new Haven Home on our recently acquired ten and a quarter acres of ground, situated on the Montgomery Cross Roads. We ask your hearty co-operation and support for this new building. May we not have next year large gifts from the Conferences for this, our new Haven Home? We thank all for their hearty support during the past year, and solicit a continuance of same during the coming year.

MRS. J. H. BURNETT, *Secretary.*

NOTE.—For information, all work is designated as National or Conference work.

FLORIDA.

Boylan Home, Jacksonville, Florida.

(National.)

(Scholarship, $50.)

The expenditures in providing more adequate facilities in the Florida Bureau, have been fully justified as evidenced by the unusually pleasant and profitable year. We had fifteen graduates in Boylan Home School. A large majority of these will return next year to enter the Normal Department, wishing to prepare themselves for special work. The value of this department is being recognized by the young women, and they are anxious to avail themselves of the opportunities it provides, for equipping themselves for larger usefulness. We are looking forward to the time when we will be able to do our full share in supplying the great need of competent teachers. This school will be no small factor in providing trained teachers. We have some excellent girls now in this department who will assume positions of responsibility, with credit for themselves and the institution. We are informed that our Training School is looked upon with envy by other schools. People who have facilities of knowing say it is the best school of the kind in the State.

We are very much exercised over a recent law that has been passed in the State "that no white teacher can teach in colored schools." At this writing we can not tell the full import or intent of the law, but quite likely it will seriously cripple our work.

The marked success of our schools has been largely due to the superior instruction given by the intelligent, consecrated, Christian white women as Superintendents and teachers. The colored people have repeatedly told us that they want their daughters to be in our schools because we have white women in control. With our successful grade schools and our Normal Training Department, it is not unreasonable to suppose that we will be able to supply well prepared leaders and teachers.

Our substantial, imposing new building and goodly campass continues to call from all visitors very pronounced expressions of praise and those who have visited the classes and been present at the chapel exercises are quite enthusiastic in their compliments of commendation. Our teachers and students are appreciative of the excellent facilities here provided.

We have been able to add some things during the year which were greatly needed. Our new range has added much to the comfort of the cooks, and both teachers and pupils have enjoyed better cooked food.

The study hall, with its new single desks, provides for comfort and better order. With the generous contribution of a friend we bought two sewing machines and a fine $350 piano. These were greatly needed and honestly appreciated. The supplies that have been received have been of untold value; linen, rugs, rag carpet, etc., are just what is needed in these homes. Many of our girls could not have remained in the school had it not been for the interested, kind-hearted women throughout the North sending boxes and barrels of substantial clothing.

With over one hundred girls from ten to twenty years of age, we can use most all sizes of clothing. The bedding received was most acceptable, these well-filled barrels have real money value to us, for if not received it would have been necessary to have bought them.

The Domestic Science and Sewing Departments are well equipped and exhibit a showing most gratifying. Miss Edith Orvis has proven to be a capable, enthusiastic worker. The girls under her direction have prepared model dinners for many guests, including some of our Bishops, our honored National President, Mrs. George O. Robinson, and on down the line to your humble servant, and am quite sure all have pronounced them "model."

While Boylan has much to be proud of and thankful for, yet there is one thing that seems imperatively needed, and we feel must be put in this year. When the building was erected we did not have sufficient funds to complete the bath room fixtures. The fourth floor has not had any bath room fixtures, though there are fifty people housed there and the third floor has scarcely bath rooms sufficient. The Board recognized the need and has appropriated the amount necessary, but it is "conditional" on our securing it by pledges. In that warm climate this is a necessity, and I sincerely trust our friends will remember us and will be glad to have every Conference share in the contributions. The lowest estimate by reliable plumbers is six hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Emerson Memorial Home and School, Ocala, Fla.

(National.)

Located in the beautiful city of Ocala, in the central part of Florida, is one of the smaller Homes of the Society, accommodating thirty-five students, thus giving the teachers a better opportunity of coming in close touch for personal work. We have had a splendid class of girls the past year. During the special service held in the Home, every girl not a Christian professed conversion. This means very much to our Master's service; when the girls go home they render valued aid in the Church and community. While they assist in all departments, yet the ministers tell us that the Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues are greatly helped by our girls.

Added interest has been taken in the Domestic Science and Sewing Departments. They entered the contest at the County Fair and carried off most of the prizes; their exhibit was good and deserved the recognition of merit.

We had but one graduate this year; a worthy, deserving young woman who desires to enter the Normal Department at Boylan Home next year. She has been kept in school by the toil and sacrifice of a loving mother, but for some time the mother has been sick and will not be able to assist the daughter. Will not some Auxiliary provide a scholarship for this promising young woman?

During the year a much-needed bath room has been put in at an expense of one hundred dollars, and other repairs that were needed for the protection of the property. Very little has been done at this Home in the way of repairs for several years, but the time comes when they are a necessity, and this year we have had extra expense; but are grateful that all bills are paid. Our greatest need is a new piano. The old ones have been repaired and tuned until they are worn out and past use. I trust a number of our Societies will respond, that we may have it early in the year. Our workers have been earnest and faithful to their trust.

We are sure that students from this school are a credit to the Woman's Home Missionary Society and benefactors to their race. Two of its graduates are missionaries in Africa. I wish you might step into their prayer-meeting Friday evening or Epworth League Sunday evening and see the ability of the leader and the thoughtfulness and intelligence

of those that take part, enjoying with them the spiritual service which our good Lord seems pleased to own and crown with his blessing, there would be no questioning "Does It Pay?"

This school continues its Heaven-appointed task of character building, lifting lives into intelligence and equipping them for usefulness. The needs and possibilities urge us on.

We are grateful to all who have helped to make the work in this Florida Bureau a pleasing success this year, and earnestly request your continued support and prayers for the coming year.

Brewster Hospital and Nurse Training School, Jacksonville, Fla.

(For report, see Hospital Bureau.)

MRS. L. H. BUNYAN, *Secretary.*

EAST CENTRAL STATES.

Allen Home and Lurandus Beach Industrial School, Asheville, N. C.

(National.)

(Scholarship, $50.)

The Home, school, and Church here have had a year of prosperity on all lines. Every room in the Home was filled and every seat in the school occupied. As usual, many who applied could not be received for lack of money for their support.

One hundred and ninety-eight were in the day school, and forty-six resident in the Home. The graduating class numbered twenty-four. The majority of these go out either as teachers or Christian workers.

Through the united and harmonious effort of the school and Church nearly all the students have entered upon a Christian life. One feature of the last Commencement was the placing in our church of an altar, pulpit set, and tablet "In memory of Lathea O. Alexander, 'Until the day break and the shadows flee away.'"

This beautiful memorial was a spontaneous offering of love from the people of her race, to whose betterment she had consecrated her life. Lathea was a fine product of our work. First a pupil, then teacher, and afterwards matron at Allen. At the time of her death she was principal of one of the colored graded schools of Asheville.

In summing up the results of the work here we find that seventy-seven young women have completed the course of study and gone out, not only bearing our diplomas, but with hearts full of missionary spirit. Three hundred and ninety-five have had industrial training in the Home, and over six thousand boys and girls have been enrolled in the day school.

The exhibits from our domestic science department won merited praise from Commencement visitors. At the close of each school year there is a demand for every girl, either as a teacher in rural schools or for well-paid service in the best families in the city and elsewhere.

Browning Home and Mather Academy, Camden, S. C.

In summing up the results of the past year at "Browning," Miss Russell, the veteran principal, says, "It has been a glorious year." Our new school building, so convenient and comfortable; our increased dormitory accommodations, and other improvements have contributed to bring this result. But above all, the remarkable revival among the students. More than fifty students entered upon a Christian life and have since given evidence of genuine conversion. Every one of the senior class of four young men and seven young women left the academy with a strong determination to live lives of Christian service. Each of the boys will go to higher schools, and one purposes to become a missionary in Africa. Several of the girls will take nurses' training.

One of the pastors in the city said recently: "That school is doing more for our children than all of our Churches. They have them five days in the week, while the Churches have them but one."

A number of successful entertainments were given by the pupils during the year, which indicated large possibilities on their part and excellent training on the part of the teachers.

At the Commencement exercises, in which all the graduates had a part, Dr. I. Garland Penn made the annual address. The motto of the graduating class was, "Anywhere, provided it be forward."

Since the establishment of this work over five thousand boys and girls have been enrolled in the day school, and about two thousand girls have been in the Home for some considerable period of time.

MRS. E. L. ALBRIGHT, *Secretary.*

WEST CENTRAL STATES.

Kent Home, Greensboro, N. C.

(National.)

(Scholarship, $50.)

The work of the year has not been without its lights and shadows, but in the blending we may well call it a year of marked success. In less than two months after the opening of the Home the Superintendent, Miss R. T. Robertson, suddenly left her work because home ties had a prior claim upon her. We immediately installed the Sewing Teacher, Mrs. M. L. Donelson as Superintendent, and by a hasty personal visit we were able to readjust matters so there was little or no break in our work. I would be ungrateful did I not make special mention of the wise and careful expenditure of every dollar, so that financially every possible burden was lightened both for the Secretary and the Society. A beautiful flag was presented to the Home by the Saginaw Bay District (Detroit Conference).

We have been able through the generosity of friends to make some minor improvements and strengthen the weak places. A recent appraisal of the property by disinterested parties in Greensboro proves that the dollars the Society invested have gained a goodly sum, but it is not material gain but the enduring riches we count success, and in this we have not been disappointed, year by year we mark the improvement and loyalty of our girls and the cheerfulness with which they take up the tasks assigned them. In a word Kent Home is proving worthy of the loyal support so graciously bestowed upon it.

New Jersey Conference Home, Morristown, Tenn.

(National.)

(Scholarship, $50.)

New Jersey Home, like the State whose name it bears, if somewhat smaller, has given evidence that strength and worth can not be measured by numbers, for no home has sent out better examples of the work we aim to do, and they have been an honor to the Society and the cause we serve. Two of the girls this year have their faces set toward Africa—a plan if it be God's will—we trust may be realized.

A personal stay at the Home gave favorable opportunity to meet the people and become more thoroughly acquainted with the situation and surroundings. One of the pleasant features, the local Auxiliary (Colored) spending an afternoon at the Home which we looked upon as an hour of mutual benefit to the work and the workers.

Here too we found the ever necessary repairs, and in a small way were able to meet the demand, and we think New Jersey Home would come in the list of Homes in "very good shape."

Again we have been favored with a beautiful flag, presented by the Queen Esther Circle of North Woodward Church, Detroit, Mich. Miss Louella Johnson, who for ten years had been the Superintendent of the Home, is succeeded by Miss Winifred Hemenway, who together with Mrs. Hattie W. Green as Sewing Teacher, have the work well in hand with the Home filled, and with the regret repeated again and again, "We have reached the limit of the number we can take this year."

We sum up the work of the Bureau by saying—numerically the numbers are complete—financially, we need funds to increase our usefulness, but are not in dire need; but better than all else the Master abides with us and makes our Homes veritable Christian homes, the atmosphere of which works out in the daily life, and can we doubt into the life beyond our vision?

"Beloved, let us love so well, our work shall still be better, for our love and still our love be sweeter for our work."

MRS. HORACE T. DENNIS, *Secretary.*

WEST SOUTHERN STATES.

It is with a feeling of satisfaction that we look back over the work of the past year. Yet there is also much cause for regret, when we think of the many opportunities for service opened to us and know that we failed to grasp them, not because we did not realize the need, but for lack of workers and money.

Adeline Smith Home, Little Rock, Ark.

(National.)

(Scholarship, $50.)

It was a great pleasure for me to spend several days in this Home to see the ninety-four busy, happy girls, it was something like a beehive; everyone had her work and everyone was busy. In many respects last year was the best in the history of this Home, but this is as it should be, for each year we should do more effective work. The experience of

previous years should be in strong helpers, thus strengthening and developing the various lines of endeavor for greater good as years go by.

The home has been very crowded; we regret this, but the new dormitory on the college side was not completed in time for use during the year and we could not turn girls away and thus close the door of opportunity to them. We hope to be relieved this year of this crowded condition.

From a financial viewpoint the year has been a hard one, because of floods causing loss of crops, but notwithstanding these conditions, the Home has paid more than half of its expense. Mrs. Nasmyth receiving from all sources $4,191 from the General Treasury—special—Student Aid, salaries, etc., $2,558; making a total of $6,739—not a great sum to run this large Home and carry on the work of various departments.

I am thankful to say that we closed school for the first time in several years with all bills paid. This is because Auxiliaries and Conferences redeemed their pledges a little earlier than usual. You will rejoice with me when I tell you that our kitchen has been enlarged and made thoroughly sanitary and light, thus facilitating the work of the girls and will enable the teachers to do more effective work. Water also was piped to second floor and other needed repairs have been made. We want to thank the good friends, who by their generous gifts made possible these improvements. Next year our needs will be funds for painting and papering; this is necessary to preserve the building.

The laundry also will have to be repaired. We are greatly indebted to Dr. E. Robb Zaring, editor of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate,* for a timely article on this need; through this appeal $78 has already been received.

Mrs. Nasmyth writes that her assistant has taken unto herself a husband, but that another of our own girls equally fitted for the work will take her place. We are gratified that the responsibility of bearing the burdens of the home is recognized by those whom we have helped and trained, and that they are willing to put their shoulder to the wheel and labor with us.

Our Art Needle Work Department came in for its full share of the operation also, and of the 108 girls enrolled, every girl learned to crochet last year with the exception of two, and a number of them have written me that they have made quite a bit of pin money doing that kind of work aside from regular work.

Our Home Guards and Queen Esthers did exceedingly well, all things being considered. We did not raise the usual amount of money in Mite-boxes from the fact we diverted our energies and started to raise the money for our new kitchen. The Queen Esther girls studied and wrote essays and papers on our text-book, and it would have done you good to have heard and read a paper on each chapter in our text-book. The research and careful study shown was indeed encouraging, and one feels that some of them at least are being intelligently informed along missionary lines.

Our commencement was in every way a grand success. Dr. E. Robb Zaring, editor of the *Northwestrn Christian Advocate,* delivered the address to the graduating class. He was received with joy, and won for himself a place in the hearts of the people. Five young women were sent out as graduates from the institution, and they are in every way accomplished girls. Two of them have married already, one of these will come back to Philander Smith College together with her husband as teachers this year. Another will teach in Kansas City, Kansas.

The spiritual life of our Home was exceedingly good. Our "Inner Circle" (an organization among the girls for spiritual development) held their regular prayer meetings and a goodly number of girls were con-

verted through this instrumentality, besides girls learned to develop sweetness of disposition through the testimony and conduct of those who were leaders in these bands.

The women of our local Auxiliary have been very helpful in many ways, and we are grateful to them. For the coming year we need many supplies; sheets, pillow cases, table linen, towels; we wonder if there is not leagues, Sunday school classes, Queen Esther Circles, who could send in the price of one or more chairs; 200 are needed. Much student aid money is needed, for there are many girls who need assistance and there is no help for them unless it comes in this way.

Mrs. Nasmyth has been untiring in her efforts to advance the work, and has labored through many discouragements.

She closes her report to me as follows:

No intimidation, no unjust law, no ingratitude, no misunderstanding, no unkindness can make me swerve from the principles in my soul placed there by the great All-Father. All His children are one, and before Him they are just alike, for "fleecy locks and dark complexion does not alter nature's claim. Skins may differ, but affection dwells in black and white the same."

Peck Home, New Orleans, La.

(National.)

The first year of earnest work in our beautiful new Peck Home closed with the graduation exercises of New Orleans University, when we sent out our first class of domestic science graduates; four in number. Art certificates were also given to a number of eighth grade pupils.

It has been a busy year for our teachers, who have not only carried on their own special work, but have given valuable assistance in the work of our German and English Churches, in our own New Orleans University Sunday School and Italian Sunday School. Miss Gibson has spoken in every colored Church in the city and has helped in every way possible to arouse greater interest in the Home and in Mission Work. Miss Turner helped in the sewing classes at the Mission. Miss Cassell has given one-half day each week to the teaching of dietetic at our Sarah Goodridge Hospital.

The Domestic Art Department in charge of Miss Hungerford has had an attendance of 200 each day. Some of the classes were very large, taxing our large sewing room to the limit. Hundreds of dresses and other substantial garments have been made by the girls for their own use, and are now being worn all through Louisiana and are an object lesson of the practical training received in Peck Home. In addition to the students were many "special" mothers, who desired to learn to cut and fit, that they might make their own and their children's clothes.

Our Domestic Science laboratory was a busy place. Miss Cassell having one hundred and ten each day. A larger number would have been glad to enroll, but they are not admitted to this course until in the seventh grade. The girls were given not only lessons in theory, but also in preparing all kinds of foods.

The advance classes had their lessons for serving when either members of the faculty or students were guests, covers were laid for six and girls were shown correct methods of serving.

The Home girls not only had the advantage of the District School work, but also the practical training of preparing and serving meals to the family. No girl has left Peck Home without knowing how to correctly make a bed and sweep a room, as well as to prepare meals. One

delightful part of the work has been the interest and earnest purpose shown by the women, especially those of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, each month meeting of the Conference officers have been in Peck Home. Sometimes these have taken a social, sometimes a religious turn. Mrs. Thirkield has by her interest and perseverance helped all concerned. For the coming year some of the good women have offered to come and talk to our girls, hoping to impress upon them the great importance of making good. Most of the family are Christians. We had one very marked conversion while others declared their intention to lead a more earnest and purposeful life.

A Home Guards was organized by Miss Hungerford and will be ready for work when school opens in the fall.

The improvement of Peck Home grounds has formed no small part of the year's work. Violets were brought by the ladies of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and now border our walks. They also sent a gardener to make flower beds and trim palms. Trees and shrubs planted a year ago are doing nicely and we have reason to feel proud of home and its surroundings. Through the Ministers' Association $50 has been secured from the Churches for filling of "Lake Knostman." Later the city offered to do the filling, we to do the leveling and placing of driveways. Our first large public function soon after the opening of school was a dinner served to the members of the Southern German Conference, then in session at the Franklin Street Church. The ministers expressed great surprise at the work being done by the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Following this was a reception for Bishop and Mrs. Thirkield, the ministers and their wives and editors of our *Southwestern Advocate*. Besides these social gatherings many smaller ones were held to which only the students were invited.

The Home Guards of the Franklin Street Church were invited by Miss Peet to hold their meeting with her. At the close they were shown over the Home and were delighted with all they saw. The D. S. class of Italian girls came out and had one lesson in Peck Home laboratory. They spent the day, eating their dinner under the great old willows on the croquet ground. Many supplies have been received during the year, and we are grateful to all who have helped us in this way.

When school opened we had no books, but in response to our appeal in *Home Missions* many have come in and to-day we have a library of fully 1,200 good books. Now we are wondering who is going to help us get the book cases necessary—don't all speak at once.

While we realize that there are many calls and demands made upon our Woman's Home Missionary Society workers, we want to ask that you do not forget our need here . Continous rains for many months has made hard times for all and especially for the poor. We need supplies of all kinds and much more in Student Aid than we had last year, if we are to give the help that is necessary.

Miss Gibson has given every moment of time to the interest of Peck Home. She says: "All the way the Lord has lead me." Surely we can not fail under such leadership. May we not have your earnest prayer and co-operation the coming year for this Home?

Italian Kindergarten.

Miss Cora Peet, Supt.

(Scholarship, $15.)

For the past five years I have pleaded with you to help us enlarge our work among the more than 60,000 Italians, for the need is appalling. Miss Peet has proven to be the right one for this work and we know ad-

vancement has been made, but we have not even touched the border of our opportunities.

The only place we could have for our Kindergarten was the coal house. A floor was laid, walls white-washed, windows and doors fixed—you would be surprised what a pleasant room it proved to be, and each day finds from fifteen to twenty-five little children busy and happy in the Kindergarten work. Not many weeks after our school opened, a boy about ten years of age came to the door. Miss Peet asked him to come in; he shook his head "no"—one of the little girls called out, "He's skered to come in here." Miss Peet asked "What is he afraid of?" The child replied, "His teacher told him there were devils here and he had better stay away." So Miss Peet coaxed him to come in—and then had him look behind the piano, under the chairs in the cupboard, and back of the curtains and then asked him, "Did you see any devils, Frank?" He said, "No, mam." He went away and in a few days came back and spent the morning. After the children had gone home he told Miss Peet that he wasn't "going to go to that sister's school any more." Do you know why? Small as he was, he found out for himself that the sisters had lied to him. These children are taught that all Protestants are devils. Last winter during a "mission" a priest told the people that everyone who taught Protestantism ought to be cut up in inch pieces and thrown in the street.

Our sewing classes in charge of Miss Page and Miss Turner of Peck Home have been well attended and we have been greatly pleased at the interest shown by the girls. Miss Helen Thirkield made glad the hearts of our older girls by taking charge of a class in cooking, Mrs. Thirkield bearing the expense. We appreciate greatly this help given us and the results were gratifying. During the summer Miss Parker of New Orleans University had a class in manual training. Chair carving was of especial interest to the boys, and when chairs were completed and put on exhibit the fathers were delighted at this practical training given their sons. This work will be continued during the coming year. Miss Parker has offered her services free.

During the year a special effort has been made to get a hold on the mothers. To this end entertainments and social gatherings have been held, also a mothers' meeting, at which Mrs. Thirkield gave a most helpful talk. During the coming year we hope to have these each month. Our Sunday School has had no small part of our workers' attention and it is growing both in interest and number.

It may please you to know that the Superintendent of our Sunday School was once a poor immigrant boy. Sixteen years ago he came into our night school, taught by Miss Ida Gibson—now Superintendent of Peck Home—to-day he and his family are members of our Italian Church and earnest workers. Did it pay to help him?

Miss Peet reports 305 calls made in the interest of our mission; 202 in her other work. It is hard to report all work done, but it is scarcely necessary to say that our workers lead a busy life. Miss Page, missionary, is our faithful and tried helper; no other word expresses it; always ready to help in any way possible; her advice and suggestion of plans for work are invaluable because she understands conditions so well; her work is varied; letters to write for those who can not write; translation for our Italian pastor; trips to station to assist strangers in the city; children to be taken to city hospital for treatment; calls on the sick; at Home for incurable and the blind; prayer services are held in the rooms of our Protestant sick and flowers and fruit are given; all of which is a bit of sunshine in the lives of the lonely and often neglected poor.

Last winter Miss Page also had charge of our night classes at the mission, but other plans must be made this year as that is too hard for her, after a strenuous day's work.

I wish I had the power to bring to you in such a way that your hearts would be touched and you would respond to the great need of work among these Italians. If there is any place on earth where Romanism reigns more supreme than it does in Louisana, and New Orleans, particularly, I do not know of it, and surely the time is here when the Christian Church should arouse itself to conditions and do the work God would have them do.

Another door of opportunity is opening to us, and one we must enter. The new immigrant station was opened March 28th; already agents are abroad trying to interest people in Louisana and other Southern States. With the completion of the Panama Canal thousands of immigrants will flock to this southland and if we are ever to have a grip on the situation, we must be alert to our responsibilities and opportunities, now. When I was south in April, I went to Mr. Redfern, commissioner of immigration, and asked permission to have a desk in the room set aside for Christian workers. This request was granted and ours was the first one named. The card bears the inscription "Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church." We were there to welcome the first immigrant who entered our new station; it was a busy time, but we were happy to be of some service to these strangers in a strange land. We realize that our work here will be slow and hard, because of the strong Catholic influence, but nevertheless we must be ready to do whatsoever is given to our hands to do. Miss Peet will do this work in addition to her other duties, until necessary funds can be raised for other plans. And so the work grows. Opportunities for service come to us every day and it is hard to say "no," when we know the need, but we can only do the most important—or what seems to us the most necessary, for money and workers are all limited.

Dear friend, you have here a report of what we have done and what we have tried to do with the money you have given us for the various work in our charge. It would take another page to tell you of the opportunities we have had to help, but have had to let go for the lack of workers and money, for on all sides we have heard the Macedonian cry: "Come over and help us." Shall we continue to answer "No?" Shall we neglect these opportunities, shirk the responsibility that comes to us, because no one is willing to sacrifice some comfort, or some unnecessary pleasure? Do you wonder we get discouraged? Five years ago when Bro. Zita came to us, the Catholics had four or five sisters at work among these people; to-day there are two hundred. We have had but one worker giving her whole time. This year we must have another. Who will be the first to respond to our plea for her support?

We are grateful to all who have made this success of the past year possible, who have given both thought and money to this work and its needs, but the time has come when we must enlarge our borders—when we must branch out into larger things, if we are to meet the responsibilities and opportunities that come to us. Friends, this is your work simply put into my hands to direct. Shall we advance along all lines of our work, or shall we have to say, "No, we can not help." Whatever is done, one thing is sure, the advance made, the success achieved, the victories won will depend on you and your pledge for this work.

Yours for victory,

Mrs. E. L. Knostman.

COLORED WORK IN MISSISSIPPI.

Elizabeth L. Rust Home, Holly Springs.

(National.)

(Scholarship, $50.)

The Elizabeth L. Rust Home is situated upon the beautiful 54-acre campus of the Rust University in the heart of the black belt of Mississippi, where there are more than 1,000,000 negroes.

The addition of a new hall, 53 1-2 feet front by 36 feet deep and the remodeling and repairing of the main building have so transformed the Home that it can not be recognized as the small, unpretentious building bearing the name of our honored first Corresponding Secretary for so many years.

We have now a harmonious, substantial, up-to-date building, fitted for the great work we are doing, in every way worthy of our Society and which could not be rebuilt for $20,000. We wish most heartily to thank all Conferences and persons who have named and furnished rooms or in any way helped in this good work. Our largest personal gift was $525 from Mrs. H. C. Hedges, former Bureau Secretary, for furnishings and to name the massive new porch which not only extends across the new hall, but graces the main building as well. We wish also to express our gratitude to Mr. J. W. Cotteral who, without renumeration, superintended the construction of the new hall, making trips to Holly Springs when necessary, thus saving the Society a considerable sum of money. His counsel and advice enabled the Secretary to erect a superior building at very small cost.

There is an indebtedness of $4,000 upon the hall, which we hope to liquidate this Jubilee Year, that it may be dedicated free from debt. What Conference or generous friend by a gift of $2,000 will name the hall, and thus wipe out one-half of the indebtedness? The other half can be secured if eighty Conferences will give $25 to this fund. There are yet a large number of windows to be named at $10 each.

Supplies of all kinds are needed for the entire building, our furniture having been of the cheapest can not be used much longer, and the hall must be furnished throughout. We are absolutely without blankets, comforts, sheetings and table linen for our enlarged household. If the Auxiliaries will each signify their willingness to give one article, our pressing needs can be supplied without interfering with other work.

The total number of girls in the Home last year was fifty-one, average forty-seven. This necessitated the crowding of six in some of the rooms and eight in others, but as long as one more could be stowed away it was impossible to resist their importunity. One girl wrote that she "had been working and praying that God would make a way for her to get to school because faith without works don't make things go in this world. I am sorry to ask for help, but God has blessed our family with so many children, fourteen, mother and father can't do much for me." Another explained why she came by saying, "I expect to be married next year, but I did not want to make a home of my own until I had been in the Home a year. This has been the best year of my life." With tears in her eyes she added, "I did need the prayer and Bible meetings so much." Another said, "I learned to love the Bible when at the Home and it became real to me." Another testified, "I found Jesus in the evening devotions and I have been a Christian ever since," while another wrote, "There is nothing I so much long for as to be back at the

Home at the prayer hour. I most always go off alone and read my Bible and pray at that time, and sometimes cry when I think I shall never be there again."

Too much can not be said of the self-sacrifice and devotion of Miss Becker, Superintendent, and of the other missionaries and of their oneness of spirit and purpose. Miss Becker for thirteen years has been training the girls in the Home, and is filled with pride as she sees them develop into strong, helpful women, not one of whom has ever departed from the path of rectitude. A number have become teachers and have proved to be missionaries as well. One wrote that she was much distressed to find that in the neighborhood where she was teaching there was no Church or Sunday School, and added, "Just imagine children who have ever heard any one pray. Some of them asked me who I was talking to when I prayed in school? I told them Bible stories and have started a Sunday School." Within two years a Church was organized as a result of her work. One of our girls is in charge of the Sewing Department of Meridian Academy.

On March 12th our beloved Cooking teacher, Florida Nason, entered into the larger life after sixteen weeks of intense suffering. Septicemia set in after an operation for appendicitis. She had come to the Home seven years before, ignorant and untrained, but hungry for knowledge; as she expressed it, "I want to know things." For three years she was a beneficiary of the Home; then she became its efficient Cooking teacher. She had one of the most illumined faces it has been my pleasure to gaze upon. She greatly influenced the girls for good. The Dean of the University said he had never known her to do anything she should not have done. She was the main support of her widowed mother and a large family of children. We wish to name the room she occupied for seven years in her memory, and are asking twenty Conferences to give $5 each, unless any desire to give a larger sum.

The devotion of the girls to the patient sufferer and their helpfulness along all lines during the weeks of anxiety was most beautiful. They formed themselves of their own accord into the "Rust Home Sisterhood," each of the older girls being a "big sister" to a younger one. It was most interesting to hear them encourage, admonish or even reprove. This spirit of helpfulness can be accounted for when we remember that each girl had given her heart to Christ. A number were converted at the recent revival services.

We are fortunate in our sewing teacher, Miss Barbour, and her assistant, Mrs. McDonald. President Docking states that this is the most successful department of the University. It is a common saying that "a girl from Rust knows how to sew," but whether this will continue to be true remains to be seen, as our time for this most important work has been cut down by the authorities. Five grades had forty-five minutes each day last year while the remaining classes had the same length of time four times a week. The time taken in getting out the work and putting it away makes the period very short. We hope to be able to secure special courses in sewing, the extra instruction to be given in the new hall so as not to interfere with the classes in the University. There were 172 girls in the classes last year. Our showcase is full of pretty dresses, fine underwear and fancy work. Be sure to see our exhibit at the Annual Meeting; 302 dresses and 288 garments were made during the year. The Superintendent writes we need 48 chairs, 4 long tables, 12 small ones and a blackboard for this department.

The girls stood well in their classes at the University. The teachers testify as to Miss Becker's watchfulness over their studies. All of the housework and cooking is done by the girls. They arise early and bake

about sixteen loaves of bread four times a week and make eleven pounds of butter some weeks, though we have but two cows. The girls do not go home for Christmas. We depend upon our friends to make this a happy occasion, as we do not feel we have the money for gifts, candies, etc., for so many. If the dear women and girls who sent the boxes last year could have seen the gladness they gave they would have felt many times repaid. One girl prayed, "O Lord help us to live up to the expectations of these good people who remember us so kindly and are doing so much for us." They decorated the dining room with evergreen and flags. Arose about 3 A.M., and made the house ring as they sang "Joy to the world, the Lord has come." Six o'clock found them in the library holding a praise service. The spirit of God knows no color line.

Our many departments of work are important, but most important of all is the spirit of the Home. Miss Becker is not only business-like and economical, but she puts sunshine and charm in the Home and trains the girls to be responsive and grateful. Among my happiest days are the days spent in this Home, for the missionaries and scholars command my loving respect. Let us continue this good work for Christ's sake.

MRS. I. D. JONES, *Secretary.*

TEXAS.

King Home, Marshall, Texas.

(National.)

(Scholarship, $50.)

How delighted we would be to take you to King Home for a visit. You would hardly know the place, it is so changed. So clean on the inside. On the outside a new coat of paint and the fence rebuilt and painted. But there are more repairs that must be made for the good of the building as well as for the comfort of the teachers and pupils. We thank our dear friends for all the help they have given us in the last two years, and ask them to continue their interest, for we do not want to be in debt.

It has been no easy task for the Superintendent, Miss Apperson. Tears, prayers and sleepless nights have been her experience. How much we owe our faithful workers. Dr. M. W. Dogan, President of Wiley University, has also been very kind and helpful to us. The whole faculty and people in general seem so pleased with what we are doing for the Home; new interest is being taken by all. Rev. A. W. Carr, Pastor of Ebenezer Church (where our girls attend Church once a month) has been a help to us; also Rev. Jenkins, the District Superintendent.

Next year we will have a new Superintendent, Miss Gertrude J. Burkhardt, a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill. With the help of the efficient teachers that we have, we are expecting great things for King Home. It is our desire to teach these girls to be economical, neat, modest, quiet in their behavior and true Christians. Many of the very best colored women of Marshall will tell you they at one time were King Home students. The great amount of good done will never be known and the opportunity does not grow less.

Eliza Dee Industrial Home, Austin, Texas.

(National.)

(Scholarship, $50.)

Another year of faithful service in Eliza Dee. Twenty girls enrolled, with the usual amount of good work done. Would you like to visit this Home? We are sure if you could see the conditions your heart would be touched and you would pledge heavily for this Home. It was established for the purpose of uplifting the negro girl. Our work here is much needed, there are thousands of colored people living in this locality, and they are looking to us for training in right living. Oh! that some of our people whom God has blessed with ample means would come to our relief at once. Just a little more help and we can have our new Home. Let every Conference respond; no one will regret it.

We can not afford to disappoint these people or keep them waiting much longer. They have been working so faithfully, raising money, for several years. The girls in the Home, with the help of Miss King, have raised enough money to name a room. We believe if you could see these girls, you would want to help them.

We have a splendid location in this beautiful southern city, and are in affiliation with the Samuel Huston College. We believe this is the Lord's work and entreat you to help us with your prayers and with your money. Will you help these girls to a higher life?

"What ye did for these, ye have done for Me."

MRS. E. W. SEEDS, *Secretary.*

NORTH CAROLINA.

Slowly but we trust surely and steadily the work in this Bureau is growing, and that it is effectively reaching the young life of this section of our country and aiding materially in their enlightenment both mentally and spiritually.

This year we have Community Schools at Etowah, Teresita, Traphill, Palestine, and Marshallberg, and these schools brings us in touch with about four hundred boys and girls, who in turn have an influence over the other lives all about them.

Those who are in a position to understand the situation feel most keenly the great need of this help for the young life of the communities which without our help would be without school privileges. Good teachers have been secured for each school, and we trust that no epidemic will cause shortened terms this year as was the case last year.

Ebenezer Mitchell Home.

(National.)

(Scholarship, $50.)

Mitchell Home, at Misenheimer, is the Mecca for many of the boys and girls of this section of the State, and they seem equally eager to be enrolled as students at this seat of learning as are their parents to have them enroll. Almost always there are a goodly number on the "waiting list."

A dormitory for boys seemed an absolute necessity and work has already begun on this building, which when completed will of course help us to care for a larger number of students if we are able to secure

increased scholarship pledges, and we are very optimistic in regard to that part of the work. A number of the students are beneficiaries, but in some cases the parents are able to render some financial assistance and in a few cases to meet the entire expense of the school year. But even then the finances are always at low ebb and help of all kinds needed continually.

Scholars range from six years upward, although the majority are from fifteen to twenty-three, many of whom are now having their first chance for an education.

There were eight bright boys and girls in the graduating class of last year. Several of the former pupils of this school are now teaching and are thus passing on to others the good principles and careful training which they acquired in this Home.

An entire new Faculty was the plan for this year, as well as a new Bureau Secretary. Rev. W. J. Plint is principal, and Miss Ethel M. Chapin the Superintendent. Miss Mae Clark is matron, and Mrs. J. A. Gowell and Miss Geraldine Bond are teachers. Miss Ellen Johnson, one of the graduates of last year, is an assistant helper in the Home.

Progress has steadily been made in many lines and the work is graded and systematized, so that more effective work may be more easily accomplished.

A number of needed repairs have been made, electric lights installed, and a well put down. A second cow has been purchased, so that the supply of milk is more generous.

Express packages can be sent to Mitchell Home when addressed, "Michell Home, Misenheimer: care Mr. E. C. Kidd, Salisbury, N. C."

A Local Committee has been selected, which we trust will be of great benefit to the Home.

Through the loving assistance of the members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and the blessing of our Heavenly Father, we look out upon the year with hopeful hearts, trusting that it will be a great year—one of growth and larger usefulness for Mitchell Home.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. B. CLINE, *Secretary.*

WHITE WORK IN ALABAMA AND GEORGIA.

Rebecca McCleskey Home, Boaz, Ala.

(National.)

(Scholarship, $50.)

During the past year 158 girls were enrolled, and of the seventeen graduates, all but three were members of our Home family. Of these, three have entered college, one is teaching music in Mt. Zion Academy, of Georgia, two are taking advanced music and assisting in teaching. One is in Rust Hall, taking domestic science. Two are teaching in Georgia, one earning money for a law course, and one teaching in J. H. Snead Academy. Two are missionaries in a foreign field. We have teachers and home-makers galore, and one of our first students is now our Home physician. Who shall say this is not a good record? The farm, which was made profitable by gift from Mrs. Cleveland, has proven a great help in meeting our running expenses, for we have a fine farmer who makes his work count. A bequest from Miss Nottingham, of Syracuse, N. Y., became the nucleus of a new primary building, which is now meeting a need and is a dream realized of our Miss Fink, whose coming to

us eight years ago was made possible by the gift of $75 from Mrs. Perchment. Miss Fink has proven a great blessing to this community, and this building was presented free from debt to our Board of Managers at Washington. It stands on a beautiful site, which was the gift of Mr. J. H. Snead and Mrs. Elder, and has ample proportions for playground. In money value it adds at least $5,000 to our McCleskey Home, so you see the Lord has blessed us and is leading to greater accomplishments for His Kingdom. Don't forget to work as well as pray for us, for we can not make bricks without straw any more than the Israelites of old.

Settlement, Cedartown, Georgia.

(National.)

We know that all our friends rejoice with us in the completion of a new building adapted to the needs of this work. We have a large auditorium, which will seat 150 and serves for a school room during the week as well as Sunday school and other services on Sunday. Primary and kindergarten rooms, besides kitchen and dining room, where sewing and domestic science are taught. The upper floor is designed for our missionaries' rest and living room, and here we have a fine sleeping porch, which is serving a grand purpose. More than one hundred students are enrolled in the day school, and the night classes have started off with fine prospects. Before we had our new desks and seats, there was an attendance of 150 at a Sunday service, and the Sunday school will test our capacity; although they have no modern appliances, are illustrating or impressing the Word. The eagerness with which our efforts were met would prove to you the need and the wisdom of ministering in this neglected corner. Child labor is one of the problems to be met here, and who shall be the judge where poverty enforces nature's demand? Let us as Christians meet fairly and squarely that question of Cain's, for here are scores of young lives to be saved for God and country.

Mrs. O. P. McCarty, *Bureau Secretary.*

WHITE WORK IN MISSISSIPPI AND TENNESSEE.

Bennett Home and Academy, Clarkson, Miss.

(National.)

(Scholarship, $50.)

For twenty-eight years Bennett Home and Academy have been doing an effective work among the large number of white boys and girls in the State of Mississippi, who otherwise would have little if any opportunity for an education.

The per cent of illiteracy among the whites of Mississippi is three and a half, over against less than one per cent among the Bohemian immigrants who come to us. While other of the Southern States have several schools under our own and other denominational control, ours is the only one in the entire great State of Mississippi under any Church control which is taking care of this class of boys and girls. The President of an influential college in Mississippi, under the patronage of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church, said to the writer: "There are hundreds of boys and girls in Mississippi for whom we are doing nothing and for whom we can do nothing for years to come."

The new equipment so necessary to meet the growing demands is materializing. A school building is being erected at Mathiston which, when equipped, will cost fourteen thousand dollars, and by reason of the ready response of the women of our Society to this call of genuine need, the money is in hand to pay for the building.

The plans for the new Industrial Home are almost completed. The proposed building will enable us to care for seventy-five girls and will cost twenty-five thousand dollars. This building we expect to complete during the next year.

A boys' dormitory is also in contemplation and the Des Moines Conference has already pledged two thousand dollars for this purpose, and will name the building.

The people of Mathiston have deeded to the Society forty-eight acres of land and paid thirty-five hundred dollars. They are under contract to pay fifteen hundred more when the work on the Industrial Home starts.

Under the efficient management of Rev. George W. Keen, the President of Bennett Academy, and Mrs. Keen, the Superintendent of Bennett Home, the work in both the School and Home during the last year has been most satisfactory. The entire enrollment last year was two hundred and five. The graduating class numbered seven.

Our students are making good. A boy who graduated a year ago entered Mississippi College at Clinton last fall. About April first he was at Clarkson, when the Superintendent of the Home said to him: "I suppose you are having a vacation?" He replied: "A kind of one, only four of the freshmen passed the examinations and they have to give them over. Ross and I were two of the number who passed." Ross was another of our graduates.

The School this fall opens with the largest number in the high school branches we have ever had. Thirty-six are beginning Latin. Fifty-seven girls are doing regular work in the improvised Domestic Science laboratory. Here they get the theory and through the work of the Home they are getting practise, both in cooking and serving. A new girl said the other day: "Do you think it is absolutely necessary to have chairs in the dining room?" I can't eat well on anything but a bench."

The ninth grade girls at commencement time wore dresses designed and made by themselves.

One of our finest, most capable girls wants a deaconess or missionary training course that she may work among her own people in Mississippi.

Another of our girls wanted music lessons so much that she brought a watch when she came to school which her father gave her, his mother having given it to him, and wanted us to take it to pay for a year's music.

Fifty-one girls are enrolled in the Home. We have fourteen boys boarding with us in "Dixon Hall Junior," the place prepared for them after the fire, in the dilapidated old primary building. The number of boys is small simply because we have no place at Clarkson in which to house them.

Surely the money of our Society can not be placed where it will bring larger returns in the good accomplished than in bringing the new equipment for Bennett Home and Academy to be located at Mathiston, on the railroad, eight miles from the present location, to a rapid completion.

Mrs. Heber D. Ketcham, *Secretary.*

Elizabeth Ritter Home, Athens, Tenn.

(National.)

(Scholarship, $50.)

Elizabeth Ritter Home, at Athens, Tennessee, was named for the gift of one thousand dollars from Mrs. Elizabeth Ritter of Napoleon, Ohio. This gift illustrates how little one knows "which shall prosper, this or that."

Early in the history of the Woman's Home Missionary Society Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Rust, and Mrs. Williams made a pilgrimage to the Lakeside summer resort, where Bishop Wiley and the ladies made Home Missionary addresses. Mrs. Ritter, a plain, devout little woman, listened to the needs as presented, went home and sold a little farm she had and gave to the Woman's Home Missionary Society the proceeds. Without this gift the Society would probably never have had "Ritter Home," which has been the inspiration of the highland work in the south and its model. Mrs. Chapman received her inspiration from this meeting which gave to the Home its Superintendent for twenty years.

The past year has been one of marked success. We have an excellent corps of workers and fine students. A good revival last winter brought quite a number into the Church. For all our success we are indebted to a good Providence which has dealt very kindly with us.

Mrs. D. L. Williams, *Chairman.*

KENTUCKY.

Erie Home, Harlan, Ky.

(National.)

(Scholarship, $50.)

We have had twelve girls in Erie Home the past year, with others wishing to enter whom for lack of room we could not accommodate.

In addition to her regular duties, the Superintendent has taught sewing, cooking, and a class in the grades. Seventy-three were enrolled in the day school, which was conducted by the Rev. D. W. Brown and his wife, without cost to the Society, assisted by our two workers. These friends have the true missionary spirit and have been most helpful to the enterprise.

We have added to our force of teachers, rented the best building available for schools purposes, and are going on, hoping that soon the school building, which is so greatly needed and which we are to call "Aiken Hall," in grateful recognition of the thirty years of service rendered our Society by Mrs. F. A. Aiken as Recording Secretary, may be a reality.

We expect the day school will be self-supporting in the near future. We are limiting our scholarships to the girls from the mountains, who have no other opportunity than the one we offer. We hope to care for fifteen girls the coming year, and need scholarships of $50 each.

Olive Hill, Ky.

(National.)

(Scholarship, $50.)

A kindergarten and primary class numbering sixty-three was maintained at Olive Hill this year, held in the class-room of the Methodist church. At the close of the year an entertainment was given by the children, which was greatly enjoyed by the parents and which added $25 to the building fund.

During the year a nine-room house was placed at our disposal by interested friends in Olive Hill, and work has already opened for the coming year. Here the same problem confronts us. Reserving rooms in the Home for school purposes limits our dormitory accommodations. We hope to find room for ten girls in the Home, and more will come in for the class work. Careful attention is being given by the Superintendent to the training in cooking and sewing and laundry work.

Besides this Home, which is waiting for a name, we have ten acres on which to build, with the brick and roofing necessary for the school building. Parents are anxious that their children may have the advantages they themselves were denied, and plead with our Superintendent to interest our Woman's Home Missionary Society in their needs, "for our children's sake." Remember these Kentucky twins whom we welcomed into our family two years ago, and help the building fund.

UTAH.

We are deeply indebted to Miss C. E. Robinson, Superintendent of our Davis Deaconess Home in Salt Lake City, who kindly accepted the position of Acting Bureau Secretary during my year's absence. As is her wont, the duties were faithfully and wisely administered.

It is hoped that the year's study of the dominant influence in Utah has not only given a broader knowledge of the underlying principles of Mormonism, but also has given a deeper conception and more sympathetic appreciation of the antagonism shown, not only to our own work, but also to that of all evangelical endeavor.

As during former years, we have had appropriations for: Deaconesses, Ogden and Salt Lake City; missionaries, Ephraim, Logan, and Mt. Pleasant; teachers, Elsinore, Moroni, and Spring City.

Deaconesses.

Salt Lake City.—Miss C. E. Robinson, as Superintendent of Davis Deaconess Home, grows in favor, if this be possible, as the years all too rapidly hurry by. The year opened with six deaconesses in the Home. Miss Harriet E. Lancy was supported by the First Church, and Miss Ida R. Watson, as Travelers' Aid, under the auspices of the Young Woman's Christian Association of the city, leaving one less than our quota of five under the support of our Society.

Miss Minnie I. Jones served Liberty Park Church, but upon the close of her second year she visited her home and, to the regret of all who knew her, she was persuaded to remain and is now presiding over her own home. I whisper it—but there is scarcely a year that our ranks are not thus invaded. Where is the remedy?

Miss Grace Andrews and Miss Rose Broom, both from our San Francisco Training School, came to us in September, serving Heath and Waterloo Churches respectively. Miss Broom returned to California before the close of the year, but Miss Andrews is still with Waterloo Church, learning with patience and wisdom the problems which confront her and helping on their solution with faithfulness.

Miss Lancy has become very closely identified with the First Church in its varied activities. Miss Lancy and Miss Jones assisted the pastor at Richfield two weeks in evangelistic services. The District Superintendent says, "It was the best series of meetings in attendance and interest that have been held in Richfield for years." Urgent calls have come from other pastors for such help; however, deaconesses assigned to Churches can be but rarely spared.

After many years of most valuable service in this Bureau, and to the regret of all who recognized her great worth, Miss Watson returned East to be nearer invalid members of her family. She is now connected with our Buffalo Deaconess Home, and serving one of the Churches of the city. May the brightest skies bend over her, for she will always do her best!

Miss Olive Barrett, recently from San Francisco Training School, has been assigned to Liberty Park Church. She will have an appreciative pastor and a kindly welcome from the people.

Ogden.—We are happy in the hope that we have secured a deaconess for Ogden, and we trust that the good friends in this active Church with its immeasurable possibilities may be fully rewarded for their patient waiting.

Missionaries.

Logan.—Miss Bessie Keller completed in August her third year in Logan. The past year the Church has been without a pastor. While the Sabbath pulpit services have been met by ministers from other charges, the responsibilities of the Church, its social and religious life have been cared for by Miss Keller. The Superintendent of the Mission says, "Miss Keller did good service in attending to the pastoral work and in providing public services on several occasions." Miss Keller leaves our work to attend the university at Lincoln, Neb. Her successor has not been secured.

Mt. Pleasant and Ephraim.—Miss Grace Sloan has been stationed at Mt. Pleasant. The pastor, who is non-resident, says, "I have been ably assisted by Miss Sloan, who has conducted a Home Department, distributed Christian literature, and also given what help she could in temperance work." Her Sabbath school has been well maintained. Miss Sloan visited Ephraim, spending two days each alternate week, at the time of the pastor's visit. The visits from house to house are an important feature of her work. She has had marked success among the children.

Provo.—Miss Muriel Forester has just closed her second year at Provo. During this year a regular pastor has been in charge of the Church, therefore the missionary has had opportunity to pursue her legitimate duties. Miss Forester has resigned from our work to engage in another pursuit. We wish for her abundant success.

We have been fortunate to secure for the work at Provo Miss Viola Scranton, of Crede, Colo., who is known to the good people of Provo Methodism, and we bespeak for her a very cordial support.

Schools.

ELSINORE.—Miss Grace Ridge and Miss Leona Officer have given faithful service to our work in Elsinore. Both teachers were new to the field at the beginning of the year, but the difficulties incident to this condition were soon overcome, and the work and workers were in harmony. At the opening of school in September every grade was represented, from kindergarten to high school. A class of young people, who could not attend the day school, asked for high school studies in the evening. This was maintained for several months, until work demanded the time of the pupils. Through these steps, perhaps, our much desired and needed high school may be evolved.

The pastor, non-resident, held in Elsinore special revival services for three weeks. Our missionary writes, "A marked interest was shown, and several signified their desire to live Christian lives." Eighteen adults and four children were baptized, and seventeen added to the Church. The Epworth League, resulting from the meetings, held weekly socials, when the people were not busy in the fields, which were well attended, and Miss Ridge says, "We are sure that many enjoyed them much more than the public dance, which is the only diversion here." Also the report of the District Superintendent says: "During the month of July we raised the mission tent in Elsinore. Services were held every night with good attendance. Many heard the message that we could in no other way have reached."

The Sabbath school enrollment is fifty-three. This is the work that counts for time and eternity.

Miss Officer will conduct the kindergarten the coming year, and Miss Ridge will devote herself to distinctively social and Christian work. We believe God will "fulfill every desire of goodness and every work of faith with power" in His own good time.

SPRING CITY.—Miss Magda Johansen is closing her second year in Spring City. She has been an acceptable teacher and friend to the children and people. Miss Johansen retires from our service to be nearer her home.

Miss Harriet Calkins, as was prophesied at her coming, has proven an unusual force for good in her new field. Our hopes for the boys have been realized here. A Reading Club has been their delight until farm work of long days and short evenings arrested for a time the organization. This club has pursued chiefly historical reading, with supplementary "talks" by the leader. During the summer vacation a domestic science class has been appreciated by the girls, and we hope to increase the facilities for work along every desirable line adapted to the stations.

Mrs. O. M. Waters will care for the kindergarten, while Miss Calkins will teach the grades. She is much pleased with her prospective class for graduation the coming year.

Mothers' meetings have been held and will be continued in each school station. Interest in these meetings increases. Sunday evening services have not been neglected, and every one of our representatives has been well received into the homes. The hundred in our Home Study classes has encouraged the heart of the teachers and brought hope and consolation to both teacher and pupil. The schools have all opened auspiciously.

Needs.

We need, imperatively, consecrated women imbued with the true missionary spirit, with all that this implies, to enter new stations where the demand is great; the need from every Christian standpoint is overwhelming.

We need books for our library. Can we not have a *deluge* of books, not a mere shower, for our boys and girls? Send to any of our school stations, and they will be properly accredited and entered.

We need manual training equipment for boys. Did not the study of the year impress some one that it would be worth while to conserve the child? Who will send to the Bureau Secretary the encouraging word that the money will come for this purpose, and send the money to Mrs. Thompson, our General Treasurer?

The study of the year should bring a rich return to this field in active effort to strengthen and enlarge our work.

Our most absorbing need is an evangelistic deaconess or missionary-at-large, who has the gift of the Holy Ghost, to visit our own stations and others upon invitation of the pastor, with a burning message from the Master that would reach the heart and, by reformed lives and allegiance to the Christ, show us what God has wrought with all these years of precious seed-sowing.

MRS. BRADFORD S. POTTER, *Secretary.*

SPANISH WORK IN NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA.

(National.)

(Scholarship, $70.)

The Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona Spanish has rounded out its quarter of a century. Its first report was given by Mrs. Willing at the Annual Meeting held in Boston in 1897. Patient labor, earnest effort with faith in the promises, have made a light that has kept the path open.

Harwood Industrial School, now one of the best institutions in New Mexico, is doing advance work on all lines. It has added a high school course to its curriculum which will meet a need in the work of training our Mexican girls for service. The year opened September, 1913, with a larger number of girls and applications from more than can be accommodated. Miss Price as Superintendent and Miss Blood as school principal are to be congratulated.

Tucson, Ariz.

This school has had a wonderful history. Its location being just where need existed. It was found available by many from Old Mexico. Arizona women have rallied to its support. They are happy to contribute to *their school.* We congratulate them and also rejoice that all through our Auxiliaries there is a warm place for the girls of this school. Especially do we all love Mrs. Harris, who has put so much of herself into this work.

The future is full of promise, two of its students have entered the National Training School in Kansas City to prepare for service among their own people. Others should take the high school course at Harwood in Albuquerque, N. M.

El Paso, Texas.

The Rose Gregory Houchen Settlement House completed. Work begun and developing along several lines that are called for by conditions, at this time, in that place. Our first Deaconess, Adela Chavez, has a large opportunity. She must have our sympathy and support. Miss Elizabeth Roe, the daughter of our faithful friend, and co-worker, who

has but recently passed away, is our Superintendent. She needs our generous help to make possible much that waits for gifts of money. The voluntary service given to our settlement work is duly appreciated. We are glad to know of every thought and effort for this last line of service in the Spanish Bureau. The spirit of co-operation among workers of different denominations for the Mexican people found in El Paso is especially Christ-like and can not fail to bring success.

Friends going west should stop over and visit our work in El Paso.

ANNA KENT, *Secretary.*

SPANISH WORK ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

In some respects this has been a very strenuous year in the history of the Frances DePauw Industrial School, but there is much for which we feel we have great reason to give thanks.

The new building has been all paid for, and we now have a property belonging to the Woman's Home Missionary Society valued at about $30,000.

During the past year we have had eighty-three enrolled, and an average attendance of sixty-one. About fifteen of these children were without scholarships; we could not turn them away, and the care of these, with extra expenses, has made it a very hard year. The sewer was put in at an expense of $276, which we paid. Later on the street work, consisting of paving, guttering, sidewalks, etc., has been completed, the cost being about $2,000, the first payment due on the first Monday in January. The new hospital ward has been a great blessing, although we have had no very serious sickness, there have been times when we have found it just what was needed.

We feel that we are greatly favord in having a corps of teachers who are efficient in their lines of work, devoted Christians, and deeply interested in the Spanish people. The present year opened with twenty-one girls who had never been in the school before. Some of these will receive some help, but most of them will have to be provided with scholarships, and we are trusting that the different Conferences will help us along that line as never before, for we greatly need your help.

We had three graduates the last year, of whom we are justly proud.

During the past year we have suffered a great loss in the death of Mrs. Frances M. DePauw, who, with Mrs. Whitson, was not only instrumental in starting the school, but who through all these years has been a faithful friend. We trust that her mantle of usefulness and helpfulness may fall on the shoulders of her dear daughter, Mrs. Seamons, who with her mother was interested in the work.

During the early part of the year we suffered from funds for the running expenses, owing to the fact that so many who had pledged neglected sending in the amount until late in the year; but the good Lord, who has had a Fatherly care over this institution since its beginning, was still mindful of His own, and we closed the year with every debt paid. I can not do better in closing this report than quote from a little leaflet, giving you two pictures:

"About six weeks ago a strong-looking girl of sixteen was brought into the scohol by one of the city workers. Soon she announced that the Bible was not true, just made up by a lot of men; she sneered at religion, and said Protestant prayers were no good; Jesus was just like any other man, so there was no reason why she should not swear and fight when she felt like it. The saddest part was that a very wicked mother had

urged her to evil. Three months later the same girl enters my room on the evening of the girls' weekly prayer-meeting to make a request: Might she wear her white dress and new shoes that night, for she was to preach. Soon it entered my puzzled brain that preaching meant leading the prayer-meeting. The great change in her life was seen by us all. Surely this girl will be a better woman and a safer mother in our city for the months in school."

MRS. S. S. HOLMES, *Bureau Secretary.*

PORTO RICO.

Day Schools.

Very unexpectedly this will be our valedictorian report, as we close our official relation as Bureau Secretary for the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in Porto Rico. Thirteen years ago the work came to us, and the growth of it has been almost phenomenal. We found two deaconesses, who had scarcely begun work of any kind, Miss Isabella Horton and Miss Sarah White. Miss Horton soon began work as a visiting deaconess in San Juan, and Miss White in Guayama. The McKinley Day School came to us from the Missionary Society of our Church. From this small beginning we have enlarged our borders and strengthened our stakes and can report four flourishing kindergarten schools. In San Juan the McKinley, with its annex in Puerta de Tierra; in Ponce, the Fisk Day School, and in Arecibo, the Williams Day School. During the year Miss Rivera has taught a kindergarten school in Borenquen Park for children of American families, and also a kindergarten class in the Robinson Orphanage. Excepting Miss Anna May Osmond, the Director of all the day schools, our teachers are native young women who have been trained in our McKinley Kindergarten in San Juan. Miss Maria Agostini has been in charge of McKinley School in San Juan. Miss Emilia Agostini, in Puerta de Tierra School. Miss Carmen Marsach, in Fisk School in Ponce. Miss Maria Gonzalez, in Williams Day School in Arecibo. We have also had a school visitor for McKinley, Miss Rosario Baldorioty, in San Juan. The enrollment has been large and average attendance good. All our day school teachers assist in the Sabbath schools, and our scholars make a splendid nucleus for these native Church schools. Never was this work more important than now, and we ask the support of our Conferences in securing scholarships for $15 per year.

George O. Robinson Orphanage.

(National.)

(Scholarships, $45.)

In all the years of our work this has been the very best for this institution. Dr. and Mrs. James C. Murray have proven that they were God-given and have had God-guidance through the year. Their consecration, love, and tact have been constantly manifested. Not only have they endeared themselves to those in the Orphanage, but they have made many friends for our work on the island and among the tourists who have been welcomed to our Home. Besides Dr. and Mrs. Murray, there have been resident in the Orphanage as teachers Miss Anna May Osmond, Miss Agnes Pyke, Miss Salisbury, Miss Mercedes Nunez, and Miss Eloisa Rivera. Miss Pyke and Miss Salisbury have left the island and will not

return. Miss Anna May Osmond, Director of Day Schools, has come to the States, after three years of splendid service, for further training. After a year of study she will return to the work, which so much needs her and in which she is so vitally interested. Very soon we hope to have three more teachers go to our work. Climatic conditions make it difficult for our workers, and hence changes must be frequent.

One of the remarkable occurrences of the year was when forty-seven of our girls joined Trinity (Spanish) Methodist Episcopal Church on probation on Easter Sunday morning, and were received in full membership on Sunday, August 31st. From the *El Defensor* we quote the following: "These girls have been instructed in Christian duties in a most careful and able manner. Perhaps no one in Porto Rico will have such advantages as they have. The Rev. Dr. J. C. Murray, Superintendent of the Orphanage, with his vast knowledge and experience in the school and in the ministry, is imparting the religious instruction as well as the secular education to these orphan girls. Fortunate they are." In his work Dr. Murray is most ably seconded and helped by Mrs. Murray, who is a mother to our girls. We thank God and take courage.

Five of our girls have gone from us into good homes and are a credit to our Home. We pray God's blessing upon them and upon those to whom they have gone. Two of our splendid young women have gone into the Nurse Training School of the Presbyterian Hospital. "The authorities at the hospital say there is a noticeable difference between our girls and those who go from other places. They say our girls know how to put their hands to the work as others do not. The girls are enthusiastic about their new work, but still love the Orphanage as their own home."

Some have gone away under painful circumstances that touch our hearts. These have had to go because of communicable diseases of dangerous character. Two have developed tuberculosis and were sent to the Anti-Tuberculosis Hospital. One had to be sent away because of the dread and incurable disease, elephantiasis. These are some of the sad things which come to us in our work.

Our property is constantly being improved, and repairs are kept up as a matter of self-preservation. We fully expect to erect our much needed cottage this winter. The money for this is in the National Treasury on the Annuity Plan, and as soon as possible will be paid over to the new Bureau Secretary, so that the work may be done at once. The plans have been made, and the hearts of our workers are glad to know they will be more comfortable soon. There are still several rooms to be named at $100 for naming, and $150 for naming and furnishing. The large assembly room is not yet named, and we would be glad to have some individual or Conference name it for $300. We have never had an assembly room in which services could be held and where we could have our various entertainments, and this will be of untold usefulness to our work. Beds in the dormitories may be named for $25 each.

In saying farewell to this beautiful and much loved work as Bureau Secretary, there is a heartache and a loneliness we can not give expression to, and sometimes it seems as if we could not relinquish that which has been our constant thought and prayer for these thirteen years. Our interest will abide and our love will always go over the sea to the beautiful yet lonely islands and our workers there. There is a real comfort in the thought of our successor, who will give the Bureau her efforts and whose interest and love will prompt the best possible service. We give to her a Bureau without a penny of indebtedness, and a work in which our great Society is most vitally interested and to which it has given and always will give its most loyal support, both in prayers and gifts.

We commend to our friends Mrs. Lillian Leonard Slack, who assumes by virtue of her appointment as Bureau Secretary for Porto Rico this great honor as well as arduous undertaking, and feel assured you will support this wonderful work even more generously in the future than in the past.

Thanking God and our many friends for cordial support, we sign ourself for the last time,

MAY LEONARD WOODRUFF, *Bureau Secretary for Porto Rico.*

INDIAN WORK IN KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA.

(National.)

Oliver Wendell Holmes said: "To reach the port of Heaven, we must sail; sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it, but we must sail, not drift, nor lie at anchor."

We are glad to report that during the past year our Indian work has sailed—many times against the wind—but it has not drifted nor been at anchor. Early in September, Rev. and Mrs. Schlapbach assumed charge of the Ponca Mission. In a few months they transformed the old Mission house from a dilapidated building to a comfortable home. A new barn will be built early this fall. New fences are needed all around the place. By their splendid example and Christian lives, they have won the respect and love of the people, not only for themselves, but also for the Society and our Mission Home. In a letter he said: "The Indians have been pleased to see this general improvement, and some of them have been influenced by it to the extent that they have followed our example."

The Poncas are hard to reach. There are three classes. There are three classes: The older ones who cling to their old heathen religion, the "Peyote Class;" and the "hopeful class"— the returned students and those who have been under the influence of Christianity and civilization in the schools. The latter want to do right but meet many temptations and find it hard, on going back to the reservations to keep the "Jesus Road."

During July we sent Mr. Isaac Greyearth, a noble Christian Indian student from Haskell Institute, and Mr. Lindquist, to assist Mr. Schlapbach. In a recent letter Mr. Greyearth wrote, "I talked to many returned students, and they seem to realize they are the ones who ought to do this work. We had several converts and I have been praying for them that they may some day come out victorious."

These two young men, with Mr. and Mrs. Schlapbach, visited every home on the reservation. Mr. Schlapbach writes, "A strong effort was made to reach the returned students and help them take a stand for Christ. In response to calls for decision, there were fourteen (14) who stood, indicating their desire to be Christians. Some of these are sincere and earnest and we hope to be able to lead them on to strong Christian manhood and womanhood. The year has just been full of new experiences for us. We have made mistakes, but the Lord has been very gracious to us. The people here, both Indian and white, have been very kind to us. Words would fail us should we try to express our appreciation for the kindness shown us by the Woman's Home Missionary Society in making possible the past year of blessing. I could enumerate so many sources of cheer and courage in many letters from Auxiliaries full of interest and boxes and barrels full of value."

At our Pottawatomic Mission we have a Sabbath School and services

every Sunday. Here, too, we have used Christian Indians from Haskell, with wonderful results. During the Christmas holidays we sent four Indian students with their leader, Mr. Lindquist. In reporting the work Mr. Lindquist said, "The meetings that our Gospel team held among the Pottawatomies surpassed our boldest expectations. The Indians turned out in surprisingly large number, and the interest manifest at the meetings and in the homes during our visits there was deep and, I trust, lasting. My only regret was that we could not stay longer." Further on he said that fifty-three (53) men, women, and children had made a stand for the Christian life.

During July and August Miss Martha Hansen of the Fisk Training School, and Miss Bessie Daum, one of our Haskell workers last year, lived at the Pottawatomie Mission and started the Christian Settlement work, which we hope, in time, will mean much to these people. Miss Daum wrote, "It was very hard to leave the dear people on the reservations for they were beginning to enter heartily into our plans. Our last social was a grand success, and at our last prayer meeting forty-five (45) were present. They have been very faithful all summer, some walking over four miles in the heat and dust to attend service or make an afternoon call. One woman said it was so nice to have some one you could go and talk to, and the boys preferred to come to the Mission to going into Mayetta in the evenings."

We are pleased to say that we have secured Rev. and Mrs. B. H. Hill for missionaries at this place. They began work October 1st, and will build up from the beginnings we have made. We must build a parsonage here by another year. The three small rooms in the rear of the Church are needed for the social service work.

Haskell Institute.

(Conference.)

Within the bounds of the Kansas Conference we have the greatest Government Indian School in the United States, with an attendance of 700 people over fourteen years of age, representing seventy-one different tribes. Realizing that the Christian Indian can do more for his people than any one else; and, with the great opportunity at our door, we brought the matter before our National Society and they authorized us to take up this work as Conference work. The results are beyond our expectations. One hundred and five (105) boys and girls expressed a preference for the Methodist Chuch. During the year there were many conversions. Eighteen (18) united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Lawrence.

These young people are in earnest and have demonstrated something of what they can do in the splendid assistance rendered to our Missionaries on the Ponca and the Pottawatomie Reservations during the year. We are planning greater things for another year. We will need books, papers, magazines, games, etc., for our reading rooms and social work.

In closing, we desire to express our gratitude to all who have aided in material things as well as those who have given us their wise counsel and remembered the work at the throne of God. We hope that more may share in helping our Indians sail nearer the Port of Heaven the coming year.

Mrs. S. S. Beggs, *Chairman.*

INDIAN AND MEXICAN WORK.

(National.)

Navajo Mission, Farmington, New Mexico.

(Scholarship, $50.)

One year ago we were erecting our first building on the new site purchased after the destruction of our buildings and location by the flood of October, 1911.

The Methodist Episcopal Church was the first Christian organization to start work among the Navajoes in 1890.

After the flood nothing of any value was left. As there was no insurance against flood, we had nothing with which to reopen work, and the children were sent to their hogan homes, and remained until we could raise the money to purchase a new location and erect suitable buildings. In six months' time fifteen acres of land were purchased for $2,500, located a mile and a quarter from Farmington, N. M.

A three-story building was erected and named by Troy Conference for one who labored so long and faithfully with the Navajoes—*"Mary A. Tripp Memorial."*

This building is a large, imposing structure, containing about twenty rooms, three good-sized dormitories, a large cellar or storeroom, and an outside vegetable cellar in the side-hill.

Our building is well furnished, with accommodations for thirty children.

The fifteen acres of land are graded and under cultivation, and have produced, this year, some of our alfalfa and many of our garden supplies for the table.

We have two horses, two cows and a calf, six hogs, a flock of turkeys, many chickens, and in order to save on our meat-bill we are raising rabbits and Belgian hare.

We have also most of the machinery and tools needed for farming.

With another building, which we hope to have soon, and a very little more expense we can accommodate one hundred children. And why not? The Catholics are crowding in, working their way up towards our territory; and first come, the first accepted. And why can not we be on the ground to reach out the helping hand? This is what the Navajo is looking for—help. And as soon as we can go to them, as well as caring for their children, giving them medical care, we will win their friendship, and they will listen to our story.

As we are on the same side of the San Juan as the town, the white visitor comes often, averaging thirty a month, and the Navajo visitor has averaged twenty-five a month.

Our children attend the Farmington Sunday school regularly. As they were living the wild life for a period of eighteen months, they returned in January, 1913, with all sorts of troubles. Some showed signs of tuberculosis, others trachoma, and some skin-diseases. These, with chicken-pox added during the summer, have received careful attention by the workers.

Each year we are more convinced that a separate building is needed for the caring of our sick ones, and we must soon plan for such a building and a medical missionary.

In January, soon after opening, the friends in Farmington had a house-warming, a real donation party, and the donations have not ceased to come in.

Our Christmas was celebrated January 25th, just one month late,

with tree, presents, and a grand turkey dinner, which was made possible by the Queen Esther Circle of First Church, Philadelphia.

May 5th we had our flag raising, with proper ceremony.

Our children were invited by the Grand Army to take part in the Memorial Day exercises.

Fourth of July was celebrated with a picnic.

As we were late in beginning our year's work, the children were given just the month of August for a vacation, and September 2d found all ready for the coming year's work.

After this brief account of our year's work we wish to give plans for the coming year.

We have purchased another fifteen acres of land, giving us a thirty-acre ranch, and we hope to raise, in time, many of our supplies.

On the second fifteen acres are our three hundred fruit trees: apple, apricot, cherry, plum, pear, and peach; grapes and berries of different kinds.

Located on this part is a seven-room brick cottage, which the Rock River Conference has named the *Katherine H. Bassett Cottage,* which was greatly appreciated by the Bureau Secretary. For a short time this building will be used for school work and as a home for two of the workers, greatly relieving the crowded conditions at the other building.

We have doors, windows, beds, etc., to be named. You see our plan is to grow, and we ask your continued interest and help.

KATHERINE H. BASSETT, *Secretary.*

PACIFIC COAST INDIAN WORK.

Our Epworth Herald (National.) April 17, 1909

Stickney Day School, Nooksack Indian Mission, Everson, Washington.

Much good and faithful work has been done at this Mission by our most efficient Superintendent, Miss Lydia Rouls.

The day school opened October 13th with a good attendance, considering that all the families had not yet returned from the hop fields. Three of the large boys have gone to Carlisle to school, while some of the other children who live near the public schools will for the first time attend there. There has been much sickness and quite a number of deaths among the children and women from an epidemic of measles, whooping-cough, and pneumonia; but we feel that with the coming of our new field matron, Mrs. Gilbert, who is a trained nurse, she will be able to teach and help the people to better care for their sick.

These Indians are becoming more self-reliant, able, and willing to do for themselves and their children. They have taken most kindly to the new preacher and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Gilbert, and are more interested than usual in all the work of the Church, Sunday school, and day school.

Greenville Indian Mission, Greenville, Cal.

Our new missionary, Rev. G. E. Reader, and his good wife arrived at Greenville October 2d, and were received quite royally by the Superintendent of the Government school and his teachers and entertained by them until their goods came. They are giving them their loyal and hearty support in all the work of the mission.

While the Church is undergoing much needed repairs, repapering and painting, the Sunday services will be held in chapel of the school building.

Mrs. Reader is a fine musician, and with the assistance of some of the teachers a good choir has been formed, which will aid greatly in the Sunday services. A much needed stereopticon with slides of the gospel in story and song has been procured and will be of great value in interesting and instructing these people.

Our missionary is an all-round man and not afraid of work, so is going to wire the chapel himself for electric lights, as well as to help paper and paint it.

Our greatest need now is to build a house for our workers, as the only one on the reservation that we can rent will not be available after the first of next March; so the need is imperative. Lumber shipped in is expensive, as we are fifteen miles off the railroad, over the mountains, but part of the heavy logs can be secured from a saw-mill a few miles away, and our missionary says he will haul it himself if he can get a team and do a good part of the building, too.

We have plenty of room on our two acres of ground on which the chapel stands, so all we need is the money to buy the material. Who will help us?

We are expecting splendid work to be done along all lines, and much good accomplished by our very earnest, efficient, and consecrated workers.

We ask of all our good women their prayers, their sympathy and help.

Yuma Indian Mission, Yuma, Arizona.

We feel that we can report more real progress during the past year than ever before, for the reason that the greatest hindrance has been removed.

We are especially thankful that the present agent and Government Superintendent is a Protestant and has the welfare of the Indian at heart.

He has begun some much needed reforms that will result in great blessings to the Indians. One of the most important is in not allowing the medicine men to humbug the people any longer, and another is on insisting that they must be legally married.

The Government school has not been up to the standard of other schools, but great advancement will be made in the next few years, as we have a superintendent who is really interested in the Indians and the betterment of their condition.

For years we have been working and praying for a hospital and the realization of our hopes is at hand in a new eight thousand-dollar hospital building with all modern equipments, erected by the Government and open to the patients from our mission as well as others.

The nurse is a good Christian woman and a member of our Church.

Blind Joe was the first patient to be operated on, and the doctor thinks after one more operation he may be able to see. He has come out so clear in his Christian experience that he proves a great help to the other Indians and often exhorts them at the Sunday services.

The attendance at Church and Sunday school has a better average than for several years. About fifty of the boys and girls and a few of the adults have signed the total abstinence pledge; eight infants and fourteen Sunday school scholars have been baptized.

More medicine has been given out at the Mission Dispensary this year than ever before, but not as many medical calls have been made in the homes for the reason, that there is now a resident doctor at the Government school who not only treats the children, but goes into the homes on the reservation.

Marie, the Indian helper, is invaluable to the mission. The women have so much confidence in her that they feel free to go to her with all their troubles.

Owing to the fact that the Government has almost completed the great irrigation canal system in this community, the Indians have not had as much work as in former years, consequently their families have suffered. The water for irrigating their lands has been promised to them by the Government for years, but the fact remains that less than twenty families are now being furnished with it. We do not know where the blame lies, but we do know that the white people who bought part of this reservation from the Government three and a half years ago, have had all the water they wanted during these years, and that the people to whom the land and water once belonged have been compelled to wait and suffer with hunger and cold. Mr. Odle, the Government Agent, is doing all he can to compel the Government authorities to give the water to these people and to allot them their ten acres of land. We are hoping and expecting him to succeed during the coming winter.

In the meantime these poor people must suffer. The Mission is doing all it can to help them. Nine hundred and fifty garments and eighty-five blankets and quilts have been given.

Arrangements have been made to hold evangelistic meetings at the Mission this fall. Two young men from the Maricopa tribe, who speak the Yuma language, and are members of the Presbyterian Mission are to give their time for a month or more to the work.

An arbor has been constructed, covered with green boughs and made attractive with Chinese lanters, under which they will hold the evening meetings.

We are hoping and expecting great results, for the Lord has blessed and prospered us during the past and we know He will continue to do so if we are faithful and true to Him.

Mrs. J. A. Johnson, *Secretary.*

CHINESE WORK.

Oriental Home, 940 Washington St., San Francisco, Cal.

(National.)

(Scholarships, in Home, $70; Kindergarten, $15.)

The eyes of the world are upon China and the Chinese. We are looking with keen but grave interest to the final outcome of the now tangled threads of their web of destiny. Meanwhile the Chinese Bureau is in vital touch with the Chinese on the Pacific Coast.

Down there, in the heart of Chinatown, is being waged a battle between the forces of sin and righteousness, and we are engaged in a hand-to-hand conflict that is helping to bring life and spiritual freedom to not a few who would else be overcome of evil. The agencies we employ are varied. Our missionaries are busy people, going to and fro in the Chinese quarters of our cities, visiting the families, and giving to them the sympathy and aid they so much need in the problems of life that come to them. Our missionary in San Francisco has this year found much that was encouraging. A number of women who had not before been interested in the Christian religion, and were practicing their heathen rites,

have at her solicitation gone to the church services and are in touch with that which should bring to them salvation.

A pathetic case that she found was a young married woman who had been compelled to serve as a domestic slave, her husband, and a brothel girl who had been installed in her place. She was assisted to escape to the Oriental Home for temporary refuge.

Another little woman, whose husband had died, found his relatives were about to sell her baby from her. She, too, ran to the Home for protection.

Mrs. Hussey has brought many children into our mission schools and Sunday school, and has also been of great assistance in locating the little slave-girls, some of whom have been rescued. The missionaries in the other coast cities are each carrying forward substantially the same work and getting results that encourage them to continued service.

Mrs. Chow in her last report from Sacramento tells of a Chinese woman for whom she had long been praying. Since coming to this country, a few years ago, she has wanted her children to be in Sunday school and has had them baptized, but has steadily refused to accept Christ herself. When her last child was born, and she presented it for baptism, she tremblingly said she desired to become a Christian and asked for baptism. Mrs. Chow said: "I was very delighted over this, as Christ has answered my prayer. Now, friends, this will just show you what prayer can do."

Mrs. Chow also prepared a class of five for baptism. Our work tends largely to the educational. In the very nature of things it must, for so we reach the children.

Since the upheaval in China there has come over the Chinese a wave of desire for Western education. That wave has touched the coast, and our schools—both for the study of English and Chinese—and our kindergartens are overfull.

We have had an increased number of grown girls and married women, an indication that they are breaking away from their old traditions and allowing their women to receive some education.

The Oriental Home, with its excellent equipment, stands for the uplift and betterment of the girls who receive its benefits. The vicissitudes in the life of the workers have this year been many. Epidemics of measles and like troubles kept the workers busy and demonstrated how very much we need the furnishings for the infirmary. We are hoping some Conference will supply this real need.

Fortunately no illness resulted seriously, although two of the little girls were operated on, one for appendicitis and one for an ear trouble. But the shadow of sickness gave way to the sunshine of love's consummation.

Three weddings gave zest to the year's happenings. Margaret, one of our most efficient and consecrated girls, was given in marriage to a Christian Chinese man in Astoria. Miss Davis went North with Margaret, saw her married and settled in her home, and came away with the assurance that it was all right. We have since heard that Margaret has gathered about her the Chinese children of her town into a little Sunday school and is visiting and teaching the women. Just what we ought to expect of our girls. Olive, our stand-by for years in the Home, was married to a good man in Sacramento, and another beacon-light is lit, another Christian home established in the midst of many non-Christian ones.

Ethel had the honor of being the first bride in the new Home, and a very sweet, pretty bride she made. Miss Davis and the girls had with loving hearts and deft fingers decorated the rooms beautifully, and to the stately but joyful chords of the wedding march the bride came down the

parlors on the arm of Miss Davis, who acted in the stead of parents. The impressive ceremony was performed by Dr. James and Mr. Chow in both English and Chinese, and the many friends who had surrounded her pressed forward with eager and sincere congratulations. It was a beautiful sight. The young man is active in Church and League, and the two will add much to the Church's activities.

The girls of the Home who are doing special work in school are going forward in it with commendable persistence and earnestness.

Josephine, in the University of California, is preparing for a medical course. She has this year, by her good standing and high marks, won a scholarship that will probably help her through her entire course. Ah Sue, in the Arts and Crafts School, is demonstrating that she has unusual ability, and so her teachers rate her. We wish some Conference or individual would see her through to the time when, as a teacher of art or a designer she will be self-supporting.

Loo Sang is going on steadily in her kindergarten training, her teachers taking special interest in her advancement. The other girls are doing excellently in the Polytechnic and Lowell High Schools. Special mention should be made of Ruby, who was the medal pupil of her class when she graduated from the grades, and who is supported by the Baltimore Conference. She is a girl of unusual ability and will without doubt be a credit to the Conference and to us, as their former ward, Caroline Lee, has been. Caroline has our younger girls as well as many outside children under her splendid tutelage.

Rescuing Chinese slave-girls is sometimes a very strenuous experience and calls for a brand of courage that is absolutely fearless. It was such an experience that came to Miss Davis early in the year. Word was received that a girl in a very notorious house desired to escape, and Miss Davis, with proper police protection, made the raid. When the door was burst open, there was a scurrying for hiding-places, and Miss Davis, with the knowledge of conditions, followed swiftly through trap-doors and underground passages until the girl was found. She made a show of resistance for the benefit of possible observance of her keeper. She was a beautiful girl and had been sold for a large sum of money. A bitterly contested court case followed, and finally the girl was given to us. Little Toy Yoke was rescued by Miss Cullen in the early spring from a man who had brought her into the country as his child, but who had contracted to sell her when word was brought to us. She was put into the custody of the juvenile court. At first we feared we could not establish our right to her, but after careful investigation it was found that the man had brought three other girls into the country and sold them.

One of these girls was induced to go to the judge's chambers privately and tell her story. When the trafficker in slave-girls heard of this he quietly slipped away on a steamer bound for China, and the child was given permanently to us. We have been grieved over the loss of two girls who were remanded to the people who owned them. The first one was a girl of twelve, rescued in Oakland. The people who owned her claimed her as their daughter, and we could bring forward no positive testimony to disprove it. In June little Sui King was taken from a woman who lives a dual life. In one place she lives a respectable life, in another she conducts a notorious dive. All the testimony that we could obtain that she was not a proper person to have the child was hearsay, while she could bring testimony as to her good character. We will do the judge credit to say that we believe he wanted to give the child to us, for he postponed the case from week to week with the hope we might get hold of positive proof. That, however, is a difficult thing to do, and the judge could not legally give her to us. However, he promised that the

juvenile court officers would keep a watch upon the child, and if anything wrong was found later, she would be taken into their custody. When Sui King was told that she must return to the people, the court-room resounded to shriek after shriek as she clung to Miss Davis and screamed: "Oh, Mamma Davis, don't let them take me! Please, Mamma Davis, keep me; oh, keep me!"

This part of our work is growing more difficult. A new law makes it possible for these people to appeal their case.

We have been pleased this year to receive into the Home two young ladies from China who came to this county for special training. They have put themselves in our care and taken up their work outside. This seems very desirable for them and for us, and we could wish that other girls from China would come to us.

The Chinese interpreter at Angel Island Immigration Station recently brought his little girl to us and said he wanted her there where she might have good training. We are glad to have so good a reputation that people will want us to train their children. Those who come in in that way, and are able, pay a reasonable amount for their care.

This brings us to the subject of finance. The last end of a debt is much harder to raise than the first end. If our friends will still continue to remember us in their pledges for the year, we will soon be clear of the debt on our building. Then our work is enlarging, and we are having to enlarge our working force. Plan to give a scholarship or a part of one in the Home or kindergarten, or a salary for one of the teachers. It gives definite work to the societies, and no better returns for money can be made than to help convert the real heathen in our own land.

Early in September the Chinese Mission Conference was held in San Francisco, Bishop Hughes presiding.

Dr. Robert Forbes, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, was present and listened with great interest to the reports given by these men who are truly doing missionary work. It was my privilege to call attention to the fact that the best reports came from the points where the Woman's Home Missionary Society is carrying on work, and to tell them of the other work we are doing in the Home, mission schools, and families. Both the Bishop and Dr. Forbes responded with enthusiastic appreciation of the great Society and the Chinese Bureau.

This same session of Conference upset the plans for our schools very seriously. Mr. Chow was moved from Sacramento to San Francisco, taking Mrs. Chow from the very remarkable work she has built up in Sacramento. We will, however, have her very valuable assistance in San Francisco.

Mr. Chow Loh Shang was sent to Oakland, taking his wife from our school as teacher of Chinese language. Mrs. Chow Hon Fan went with her husband to Stockton, there to establish missionary and kindergarten work. Miss Lamb resigned to take a much-needed rest, leaving the only ones undisturbed Caroline Lee and Tai and Miss Reas. It will perhaps take a little time, much prayer, and some good judgment to readjust our schools, but it is all God's work, and with His help good will be brought to pass.

Another change that will mean much to us is the decision of Miss Davis to leave the work. A nervous collapse in the spring forced upon her and the Board the fact that she must be released from the nerve-racking strain of the superintendency of the Home. For many years she has given herself without reservation—heart, soul, and body—to the saving and training of Chinese girls. While it has worn her out physically, she has left her imprint upon the girls' lives, that will last through time and eternity.

The Chinese Bureau has expressed to her their appreciation of her noble life-work, and we take pleasure in making public that expression of appreciation.

Dr. Li Bi Cu, who was a delegate from China to the last General Conference, stopped at the Home on her return trip. A reception was given her, to which a large number of Chinese came.

In her speech she dwelt on this thought: You are here for a purpose; that purpose should be to fit yourselves to help China in her new problems when you return home. "Don't waste yourselves on non-essentials. Seek out the best, and the very best is the Christian religion. Bring Christ with you."

Chinese life is changing rapidly in America as well as in China. Walking down the streets of Chinatown, one scarcely ever sees a queue; only a few old men retain them. The joss houses are not so generally visited by the Chinese for worship. They are largely kept up as show-places for the tourists.

There are four daily newspapers published in Chinese. New schools have been opened, and the attendance is very large. These are apparently good indications, and yet there is so much evil rampant all about them that it is still a difficult field.

Our zeal should be stirred for greater things in the years to come, but the opportunity and duty of the present is yours and ours.

MRS. J. E. PIATT, *Secretary.*

JAPANESE AND KOREAN WORK ON THE PACIFIC COAST AND IN HAWAII.

(National.)

(Scholarship, $60; Kindergarten Scholarship, $15.)

The Germans have a beautiful legend: "One Christmas eve a poor man on his way home through a forest heard the cry of a child, and, searching, found a lost child, cold and hungry. He took the little one with him to his home, and his children gave it a welcome, sharing their evening meal with him. And while seated at the table a change came over the child's appearance, and lo! it was the Christ-child whom, unconsciously, the family had received in this needy, suffering little one." While this is only a legend, its lesson is true. Christ is ever coming to the door of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the person of some little motherless child or some one needing sympathy and love, and the reception given the one, Christ regards as given to Him; for did He not say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me?"

It is with pleasure I report the work of the Catherine P. Blaine Home, of Seattle, the latest home established in our Bureau. During the year thirty-five girls have entered the Home, to remain a shorter or longer period, some making this their home while employed during the day in stores or factories, others calling it home while changing places of employment, and still others arriving from Japan remain while mastering the customs and language of our country. Two little girls have it as their permanent home; one an orphan, the other being brought by the parents to be raised a Christian child.

Miss Kusama, our Bible woman, is doing excellent work, averaging thirty-five calls a month, giving Bible lessons during many of these calls. New homes, where there are earnest inquiries for the gospel, are con-

stantly being opened to her. Two evenings each week she teaches classes in English in the Home, and each Tuesday afternoon a sewing-class is conducted by the wife of one of the Japanese merchants, Mrs. Takahashi. At the close Miss Kusama gives a Bible lesson. Some twenty attend these classes, and the women's meetings held in the church each week number the same. Once each month she goes into the country, remaining over two nights, where she holds special meetings, in the evening for both men and women, in the afternoons for women alone.

A fine kindergarten under the faithful and efficient teacher, Miss Bettinger, is held in the basement of the Japanese Methodist Episcopal Church, with an enrollment of twenty-nine. This number could easily be doubled if there were funds to equip the school. The teacher, with an interpreter, visits the homes of the children and gives mothers' meetings, which were so well attended by the fathers, too, that they are now called "parents' meetings."

Much has been accomplished since this home has been established, due largely to the personal interest and efforts of the wise and capable chairman of the local Board, Mrs. F. B. Carter. Seattle furnishes a great field of opportunity, and we anticipate great progress and splendid results in the years to come.

In the Jane Couch Memorial Home, in Los Angeles, good work has been done during the year, though greatly handicapped on account of not being able to secure a permanent superintendent. The number of women and children being cared for in the Home gradually increases. Classes for mothers have been faithfully kept up, both down in the Japanese quarters and in the Home, many coming with their babies in their arms and patiently caring for them while struggling with the lessons given by the missionary. There is still great need of a place where settlement work can be done in the down-town section, and our prayer is that some one may be raised up to carry on this important work.

Never was a missionary Home better equipped with workers than the Ellen Stark Ford Home, in San Francisco. One of our Eastern ladies, having spent some time in the classrooms, said, "You have jewels in your kindergarten, Japanese, and Korean teachers, for they are born teachers." The Superintendent and her two assistants could not be improved upon, consequently we feel we have a model family, which averages forty in number. Most of these are young children, as several of our older girls have attained their majority and gone out to find their place in the great, wide world, but still feel that the Home protects and mothers them. Last June three of our girls graduated from the grammar school and four have entered the girls' high school, two being on the outside. At the Junior Exposition held this spring, all of the schools of the city contributing, one of our smaller girls, ten years old, received a medal for her skill in dressing her doll. Wedding-bells chimed again last May, and our oldest girl has established a Christian home of her own. During the summer these bells again sent forth their merry peals, and our little Japanese teacher was united in marriage to the assistant pastor of our Japanese Methodist Episcopal Church. During the year the Bureau has purchased at a great bargain a piece of land intended for summer outing grounds for our family. A part of this we hope to sell for enough to place upon the other half a summer home.

The work in Susannah Wesley Home, in Honolulu, has been very satisfactory. Word comes that this has been the best year in the history of the Home. Miss Anderson has proved herself to be a successful Superintendent. The family, numbering at present forty-seven, is a happy and harmonious one. The children all attend the grammar schools. At the close of the term all were promoted and two are ready for high school.

One has just entered the National Training School, in San Francisco, to take a deaconess course. More than once has Miss Anderson been spoken to on the street by the grammar school teacher, saying they were always glad to have the Home girls in the school, for they were always so neat, well behaved, and dependable, and they felt the ladies on the Board should know this, for their encouragement. These girls are taught to wash, iron, sew, and prepare a plain meal; to keep a house not only clean, but to use what means they have to brighten and beautify it. They have time given them as well to learn music and fancy work. Every Friday evening an English Bible class is conducted by Miss Powers, one of the local Board ladies, and Mr. Kim, the Korean minister, comes two afternoons a week to teach the Korean language. With this Home, like all the Woman's Home Missionary Society Homes, the main purpose is to give the girls a vision of the Christ, as lived and taught by the workers, so that they may become true Christian women. That all will measure up to this hope we can not say, but that some will, we know. At a New Year's eve meeting held on one of the plantations among the Korean people, one of our girls was present. Many spoke of their ambition for education and progress, their love of country, and the future freedom of their people. It was an open meeting, and she arose and said: "While I have listened many have spoken of their love for our country and its future. They have looked on many sides, but no one has said anything about Jesus Christ. I love my country. I value education, but I know that without Jesus in our hearts we can never save Korea. We must not think only of the freedom of the body. Our hearts must first be free from sin, that we may do much for our country."

When we hear young girls like this one, with the courage and conviction to stand up for Jesus in this way, and then hear them pleading at the throne of grace in earnest prayer, we say the work of the great Woman's Home Missionary Society is worth while, and so the good work goes on, and we continue to follow the command, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand, for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Mrs. C. B. Perkins, *Secretary.*

AMERICAN HIGHLANDERS.

(National.)

The work done by this Bureau is difficult to report, as figures tell little. For expressing the value of the encouraging word spoken, the helping hand extended, the sunshine scattered, and the spiritual uplift given, words and figures are indeed inadequate. Our work is better measured by expressions like this. "I went to Ritter because you opened the way. I am now sending my younger sister, and four other girls are going from our neighborhood. I can never thank you enough." This girl came from "way back" in our mountains, and is now a teacher in one of our schools. Such messages come to us frequently.

This year we can count definitely fourteen girls who are in either Ritter or Boaz, because your Highlanders Committee touched their lives and opened the way for them.

Books have been furnished to some children—clothes to others. One family of six was found in dreadful condition from tuberculosis. These were cared for and sent to sanitarium. The father and mother have since died; two children are still in the sanitarium, and the other two have recovered and are attending school. One, a young boy of sixteen, plans to enter the ministry.

In one case, through a little assistance from this commission, a mountain school was kept open some two months longer than would otherwise have been possible.

Church and Home Mission publications have been placed in the hands of leaders in the mountain charges.

The seed we have been sowing is certainly bearing fruit, but we need more seed and an earnest sower.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET P. ATLEE.

BUREAU FOR ALASKA ESKIMOS.

Sinuk.

(National.)

(Scholarship, $60.)

Our first mission among the Eskimos, at Sinuk, Alaska, has had a blessed year. After six years of plowing, sowing, and cultivating there has been a great ingathering. In the early winter, after much careful teaching and earnest personal work by our missionaries, Dr. Nellie M. Cramer and Miss Inez Walthall, a revival broke out, first in the reindeer camp, and then in the village. Our workers seeing the interest awakened, began special services, and for three weeks conducted meetings every night and visited among the people in the daytime. Natives from other villages pitched their tents at Sinuk, that they, too, might share in the good things.

The converts were given faithful instruction in the teachings of the Bible and in the rules of our Church. In the early summer Dr. Cramer arranged for a visit from Dr. John Parsons, Superintendent of Methodist Missions in Alaska. He preached, administered the Lord's Supper, baptized over fifty, and organized a Church with forty-nine full members and eleven probationers. This is the first Eskimo Methodist Church ever organized. Let us thank God and take courage.

Our workers in that isolated field, both deaconesses and well-equipped, will surely have our sympathy, our prayers, our help, and the knowledge of our appreciation of the work they are doing. This extra work, in addition to her unusual responsibilities, was too heavy a strain on Dr. Cramer, and for a time it seemed that a change would be necessary, but we rejoice that latest reports indicate improvement in her health and a decision to remain another year. Dr. Cramer's burdens will not be so heavy now that Mr. Baldwin has returned. He will have charge of the reindeer camp and of one of our greatest assets, the *New Jersey*. The engineer of the *New Jersey*, Johnnie Tumisuk, a bright and capable young man, is one of three young men chosen by the Government to come to Tacoma this fall for a year's study in engineering. The other two are from St. Michaels and Unalakleet.

The Hilah Seward Industrial Home has had a prosperous year. As some of the girls in the Home were married, the larger boys have helped with the housework. Helen, the oldest girl now in the Home, is between fourteen and fifteen. She was wayward and hard to manage, but since her conversion during the revival is a valuable help.

Our herd of reindeer has been increased by 140 fawns, making the total number 446. Several natives were able to purchase some reindeer this year, thus extending the aid from this industry to six new families.

Large game was not so plentiful this year, only six walruses having been secured on three trips of the *New Jersey*.

Berries were abundant, and Miss Walthall and all the children in the Home except the baby went berrying with the villagers, camping out about fifteen miles from the village. Thirty gallons were put up for use in the Home. The natives make the skin of a seal into a bag, fill it with berries, and then bury it for winter use.

But berries, walrus meat, dried fish, and nearly all the provisions stored for winter use were washed into the sea, as well as many of their little homes, by the unprecedented storm which ravaged the coast of Bering Sea early in October. Hilah Seward Home was much damaged also, windows broken, shingles torn off, and the coal house demolished, the larger part of $350 worth of coal being washed into the sea. Our workers with the children sought refuge in tents a couple of days. Rain, sleet, and cold added to their discomfort. But we are most thankful that no lives were lost at Sinuk. Mr. Baldwin and Dr. Cramer have sent for $1.000 for repair, coal, and provisions to make good what was spoiled. The money was borrowed and sent promptly, knowing that our people will make it up as soon as possible. These valiant missionaries did their part bravely; let us do ours; trusting in Him who cares for the least of His little ones.

Nome.

The revival fire spread to Nome. Miss Walthall went down to assist Miss Barnett, who had prepared the way. Special services were held and much good was done. About twenty gave their names to Dr. Parsons as being desirous of uniting with the Church.

After a year's furlough Rev. W. F. Baldwin and Mrs. Baldwin, with Baby Helen, returned to their much-loved work early in July. With Miss Barnett as a member of the household, they are comfortably housed in the Methodist parsonage. Mr. Baldwin is enthusiastic in regard to the outlook for a great work in Nome, which is the Mecca of the Alaskan Eskimos.

The erection of the mission building planned for Nome has been delayed by indications that our big brothers of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension are about to donate to the native work the church buildings which for several years have been in use for white people, but which are no longer so needed, as many miners have left Nome for fresh fields. Later information received since this report was in the hands of the editor is that the Board of Home Missions, at its meeting held October 16th, passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That we lease our Church property at Nome, Alaska, to the Woman's Home Missionary Society at $1.00 per year; the Woman's Home Missionary Society to keep the property in order."

Mr. Baldwin, who raised several hundred dollars while on furlough to equip a gymnasium, has secured a lot on the Sandspit on which to erect this and other buildings, but after his return to Nome and consultation with Dr. Parsons and others, he decided it was better to have a larger building than the one planned for, and to wait another year, so as to secure the larger amount needed. He wants a building large enough for athletic meets, and in which the natives can gather to get reports from reindeer and dog races held every winter, instead of meeting in saloons for such purposes. About $3,500 will be necessary for this building, he thinks. This, he believes, will do much towards keeping the natives from saloons and other alluring but evil resorts so numerous in Nome, and thus enable our workers to more successfully conserve and carry on the work of evangelization.

MRS. R. H. YOUNG, *Secretary.*

BUREAU FOR ALASKA ALEUTS.

Jesse Lee Home, Unalaska, Alaska.

(National.)

(Scholarship, $60.)

I take the keenest pleasure in writing you this report this year in behalf of the Jesse Lee Home, and to tell you how much your help has been appreciated during the past year. I believe "if we have a word of cheer to our fellow-workers here, let him know."

We have thirty-eight children in the Home. There has been no increase nor decrease in the past year. Two girls were married; one to a boy formerly of Jesse Lee Home and they have now established a Christian home. One girl married and went to the Government seal islands. One boy went to his people in the north. Three new Eskimo children have been taken in the Home and one other girl for a brief period, when she was greatly helped.

Our teachers are fine, consecrated, young women, doing their work with happy spirits and seeing nothing of the sacrifice in that isolated field, where the mail reached them only once during the whole winter, and I can not write this letter without saying a word in commendation of Dr. Newhall and his wife. They are certainly treasures in the work of the Jesse Lee Home.

The Home has been improved in many ways. New paint and many repairs too numerous to mention; an addition of a fine new range, bath tub for the teachers, and water in both the men's and superintendent's home and hospital; the installation of this water plant has been a great benefit to the Home in giving them a good water supply. The cost has been comparatively slight, because the boys did the plumbing themselves. The chapel has been repapered and painted and a new set of dishes provided. The most of these improvements have been due to the work and faithfulness of both children and teachers.

Over three hundred and fifty dollars worth of beautiful needlework has been made and sold during the last year, and all of the money has been applied to the various improvements about the Home. The boys have caught the fish and kept the garden and done many other things that do not show in money value, as much perhaps as the girls' work, but if it were counted up and paid out in day's labor, the sum would likely equal or be more than work done by the girls. However, that does not matter. Each and every one, I am sure, has done their duty and more during the past year.

Many severe cases have been treated in the hospital this year. Many sad stories could be told of these cases, and oh, the joy of some who went on their way rejoicing with grateful hearts for wounds and ills cured. One said: "I'll never fergit the Home and the Byes." This was the comment of a grateful Irishman who came to the Home almost blind from long exposure to the storms of Bering Sea. This man said good-bye to the boys and to Dr. Newhall with tears of gratitude streaming down his cheeks. Dr. Newhall writes this. "We can not measure the work done by visible results here. The gospel seed is sown, but some one else may reap the harvest. Adloat, eleven years away from the Home, is an interpreter and native preacher in a Congregational Mission in the far North. Na-tre-uk left the Home thirteen years ago and is an interpreter and native preacher in a Swedish Evangelical Mission. A gracious re

vival has sprung up among the Eskimos about Sinuk, Nome, Golovin Bay, and Unalaklit." Has Jesse Lee any part in this work? It may be that it has. Miss Barnett writes that this revival sprung up at Golovin. Some young Eskimo reindeer herders were saved under the preaching of a native young man at Golovin Mission. The Eskimo herders returned home with changed hearts and lives, rejoicing in a new found life, peace and joy, and the good work has gone on. I understand that Sit-a-rang was the interpreter and native preacher for the mission at that place. He is an earnest young man and was in the Jesse Lee Home some twelve years ago. So Jesse Lee Home may be having an influence far beyond the chain of Aleutian Islands. It is not strange that God should use the words of native preachers to bring the message of salvation to needy hearts, for the poor and weak things of the earth are often used to confound the mighty.

My work has been a joy to me this year and I wish to express my warmest appreciation for the hearty co-operation of teachers and friends who have met my efforts in all directions with unvarying kindness and courtesy.

While I realize my individual interest is in the Jesse Lee Home and its needs and plans, yet the circumference of our needs, plans, and activities encompass every need of the various homes, hospitals, and schools and I can only expect a share in your efforts to help.

I trust that the coming year will find you ready to give us our share as in the past.

Just a word as to the needs of Jesse Lee Home. Scholarships are needed, good story books, good pictures and magazines, especially "The World at Work," or "World's Work;" good outing flannel, blue denim, and money for a new fish boat. And Christmas things are much needed; dolls, toys, ribbons—real Christmas things, you know.

Address all mail packages to Dr. A. W. Newhall, Jesse Lee Home, Unalaska, Alaska.

Boxes and supplies can be sent any time during the fall months to go in on the revenue cutter in April, and will be stored free of charge if carefully addressed thus: Jesse Lee Home, Unalaska, Alaska, for U. S. Revenue Cutter, care of Seattle Hardware Company, Seattle, Wash. And send notice to Mrs. J. H. Parsons 3507 Sixth Avenue, Tacoma, Washington.

Mrs. J. H. Parsons, *Secretary.*

IMMIGRANT WORK.

(National.)

Immigration is much larger this year than during last year. Miss Matthews writes that the largest number ever handled at Ellis Island for one month was the number landed during the month of June, 115,963. For July there were 90,481, making the work very heavy and taxing.

Much sickness has prevailed, especially among the children. This requires the detention of the parents, some for as long as seven months.

The Commissioner of Immigration, in his report for 1912, gave a diagram of the fluctuation of the number coming to our shores from year to year since 1820. It was a most interesting study. In reading between the lines, we were able to tell why the wave line receded so far back during some years, and extended so far out in others. Financial depression and prosperity caused the ebb and flow, the tides being felt in the villages and hamlets of the Old World. This year the tide has risen and from 838,172 in 1912 has reached 1,197,892.

Never in one year have so many Slavs entered the country; the number was 388,968. The larger number of these were Poles, their number being 174,365. The departures from the home land were so great that the Governor of Austria-Poland gave orders that all male persons between the ages of eighteen and thirty-six years, and liable to military service, should be arrested and sent to their homes.

The Russian contingent numbered 51,472. Of South Italians, there were 231,613.

The change in the nationalities of the aliens coming in such vast numbers is a matter of grave import to those who think deeply upon the subject.

Are we ready, as Christian workers, to give the personal touch, the heart to heart sympathy, to bring them to Christ?

East Boston Home.

72 Marginal St., East Boston, Mass.

The new building has been greatly enjoyed by the workers. It was dedicated in September of last year. The granite cross, which surmounts the building, was illuminated by electric light through the generosity of the Boston ministers. A service was held December 14th. As the lights were turned on, Germans, Norwegians, Swedes, Portugese and others joined in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." These lights can be seen from quite a distance down the Bay as the vessels approach the harbor.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Home was observed in May. Dr. Bronson, the District Superintendent, made an address. Dr. Cooper, one of the founders, made the prayer. Some young ladies, daughters of the first workers, rendered music, recitations and singing. Mrs. Amanda Clark, the Superintendent, had served with and for them for twenty-five years. She was presented, as a token of loving appreciation, with a purse of $70 in gold. A reception and tea followed these exercises. One person presented $100 as a Thank-offering to the Home.

New York Immigrant Girls's Home.

9 State Street, New York.

This Home is doing a wonderful work in caring for the stranger within the gates. Its record is so splendid it should enlist the generosity of those who are able to do great things, financially, for the Lord's cause. This year the five years' lease expired, and the agents for the property gave us only two years more at the same rental—$2,500. After the two years, $500 more would be added.

A Committee from the Board of Trustees was appointed to visit the Home and see what arrangements could be made to secure a property of our own. The enormous value of properties in the neighborhood made it seem impracticable to secure a property there at this time.

Miss Alma Matthews and Mrs. Michel are busy, each in her line of work, and accomplishing great results.

Philadelphia Station.

Miss Amanda Ford is still carrying on the work at this Station. Immigrants are landed at Washington Avenue, Vine Street and Snyder Avenue, and are then taken over to Gloucester, N. J., where the new immigrant station is situated. The new detention house is there also. Miss

Ford has had her hands full in getting food, clothing, taking mothers to hospitals to see their children who are sick, going shopping with them, taking girls to be married or to the trains, writing letters, taking fruit and papers to those in hospitals. She had sent a sick immigrant to England and must write the Traveler's Aid over there to look after her when she arrives.

Angel Island, San Francisco, Cal.

Miss Katherine Maurer, a deaconess from the San Francisco Training School, does the work here. She finds great good done by having Scripture texts mounted on post cards and distributed among her people. These are printed in Chinese or other languages, which she most needs. She writes: "Sometimes I feel that the carrying of sunshine and cheer and comfort and inspiration forms the major part of my work, but golden opportunities open before me each day. Hundreds of lives are touched and cheered and hungry souls fed with the Living Bread. Two Mohammedans greeted me one day. After I had given them a Gospel, one asked for a picture of Jesus. The other said, 'I love your Jesus, too.' 'He died, and is gone to Heaven, but He liveth.'"

She has established a small library and wants some good books in Oriental languages.

Mrs. Knostman is supervising a larger immigrant work in New Orleans.

MRS. C. W. BICKLEY, *Secretary.*

Statistical Report.

THE BOSTON IMMIGRANTS' HOME.

Year ending July 1st, 1913.

No. steamers or trains met	110
Lodgings furnished	3,694
Meals served	12,178
Women	360
Children	116
Men	286
Catholics	216
Jews	11
Protestants	535
Situations secured	8
Tracts and papers distributed	746
Letters and postals written	577
Girls sent to friends	34
Garments distributed	1,273
Represented the work	33
Helped on the piers	2,440
Stayed in house, no lodging	160
Telegrams and telephones sent	375
Weddings in the house	21
Cases of sickness, pneumonia	2
Mothers with babies born on ships	3

More than three hundred visitors have visited the Home since we moved in last September.

Of nationalities	22

MRS. A. C. CLARK, *Superintendent.*

Immigrants' Home Annex, Boston, Mass.

Year ending July 1st, 1913.

No. women	136
Children	97
Men	211
Lodgings	692
Meals served	1,477
Nationalities cared for	16

New York Home.

Number of ships met	1,044
Number of aliens landed	1,044,457
Number cared for in the Home	669
Number of new arrivals taken in	287
Number of meals served	17,169
Number of lodgings furnished men	
Number of lodgings furnished women	5,976
Number of lodgings furnished children	
Number of girls sent to friends	168
Number of situations secured	114
Number of letters written to friends of the girls	
Number of telegrams and messages sent	50
Number of nationalities	9
Number of Bibles distributed	Many Gospels given out
Number of tracts and leaflets distributed	
Number of letters and postals written	1,320
Number of garments distributed—many barrels and boxes of clothing, hats and shoes	

Emma Mitchel.

Philadelphia Station.

Ships met—incoming	91
Outgoing	85
Visits to the station	414
Visits to the hospital	408
Number of persons visited	1,152
Number Bibles distributed	48,704
Number papers distributed	1,930
Number cards	1,350
Number toys given out	435
Number times food given and secured	2,260
Number garments given	295
Number families aided	1,035
Number individuals helped	2,260
Number situations secured	4
Number nationality	40
Hours in immigrant work	2,919
Cash received for immigrant work	$96 66
Cash expended for immigrant work	$99 66
Passengers	57,981
Books	169
Business calls	829
Remarks—Tracts	145

ANGEL ISLAND.

Calls made in the interest of the work	285
Visits to the hospital at the station	300
Visits to the county jail	5
Literature distributed—	
"A" Papers and tracts	1,052
"B" magazines and books	426
"C" Gospels and Testaments	985
Cards with Scripture texts	5,826
Bouquets of flowers distributed	240
Persons given material aid	25
Amount expended	$47 60
Letters and postals written	138
Telephone messages sent	312
Meetings addressed on the work	40
Number of nationalities	24

KATHERINE R. MAURER.

CITY WORK.

Marcy Center and Rock River Conference Missions.

(National.)

Marcy Center.

Although we were without a superintendent until the middle of January the work was carried on by the faithful workers on the ground, so that we were enabled to report a good year's work, and our superintendent when she came (Mrs. Helen G. Wagoner) proved to be "to the manor born," and things have gone well.

To those unfamiliar with mission work in a large city, especially of this Chicago District known as the "Ghetto District," in which for twenty-seven years Marcy Center has stood a beacon light, it is impossible to realize the tremendous strain under which the work is done nor at what sacrifice on the part of the workers of their physical well being. However, it is a labor of love beyond question for the average salary paid is about $325 per year.

The corps of workers include the Superintendent, Mrs. Wagoner; the Associate Superintendent, Miss A. R. Kinner; Nurse, Miss Anna Heistad; Music Director, Mrs. Amsden; Boys' Director, Mr. Heiligstad, and Miss Lucile Hall who for fifteen years has been the missionary visitor. Eternity alone will tell what she has meant to this neighborhood and to our Woman's Home Missionary Society.

We have two internes, a cook and a janitor. Miss Margaret Henry is again in charge of the kindergarten and Mr. Jacob Bernheim is in charge of the night school. The sewing and domestic science classes are in charge of students from the Lewis Institute. Valuable assistance is given by about twenty non-resident volunteer workers from different schools and institutes.

The medical and surgical work has been carried on by the able physicians who have for several years donated their valuable services to the

work which has been such a source of pride to those of us who have been in close touch with the work at Marcy Center.

From October, 1912, to the same date 1913, seven thousand treatments have been given in the dispensary. The receipts have been between eight and nine hundred dollars, the expenditures a little more than one thousand dollars.

The surgical cases were taken care of at the West Side Hospital and there were 107 of them. The amount expended for this work was $2,054.25, of which $1,000 was paid by the National Woman's Home Missionary Society, $500 by Rock River Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society, and $600 by the patients themselves.

If the members of our Woman's Home Missionary Society could only have seen each woman and heard her story and seen her need, their wonder would have been that so much could have been done for the amount expended. And not only that but the contrast between your own favored lot and their sore need and suffering could hardly have failed to inspire you to greater zeal in their behalf. The enrollment in our Sunday school is not as large as in the days when there was a large Bohemian population. The Jews who followed, are not so prone to enter a Gentile Sunday school but some results are apparent and the past year 106 Gospels in Yiddish have been given out and nine Bibles.

Fifty were enrolled in our winter kindergarten, thirty in the summer.

Enrolled per week in the sewing classes, 40; in girls' clubs, 75; in boys' clubs, 100; in game-room, 60; in night school, 72; in Sunday school, 33; in mothers' prayer-meetings, 6.

Day and week outings were given to 146; 12 Christmas parties were held, other social affairs, 6.

The children have been eagerly crowding our doorway eagerly inquiring: "When are we going to begin?" They have "Begun."

It was indeed a great pleasure to have our National Board of Trustees gathered round our Board at luncheon in the midle of January. They advised the removal of the old frame building and making a play-ground of the lot, which is about 48 x 35 feet. This has been done, the fence is being built, and in the spring we hope to equip it as fully as the space will permit. We extend our most grateful thanks to the Conferences and to all who have so generously remembered our needs both in pledges and supplies.

Our expenses have been unusually heavy this year. The heating plant had to be overhauled, fire extinguishers installed, and the decorating was more extensive than usual, though not all was done that should have been done. Labor is high—everything is high—wonder what would happen if missionaries would "unionize?"

Total receipts for the year 1912-13 from all sources with balance from the previous year, were $10,255.30; disbursements, $9,298.12. Balance September 1st, 1913, $957.18.

Rock River Missions.

Hobbs House Girls' Club.

We have had in the home the past year 135 girls; one of them has been with us since the opening of the home, and several have been with us for more than a year.

The health of the girls has been good, but we have had some anxiety for our superintendent, whose health has not been so good; but we are pleased now to be able to report that she is much improved. She is just the motherly mother that our girls need.

There are twenty-four girls in the Home at present, which is nearly all that can be accommodated; and in order to make the Home self-supporting, which we greatly desire to do, we must have larger quarters.

We extend grateful thanks for the financial assistance, and also for donations of supplies for the house and table. We shall need your continued help this year.

West Side Work.

Time and space will not permit us to mention the almost incredible amount of work done by our missionary in the more than a thousand calls that she has made, comforting the bereaved, feeding the hungry, and—listen to this, and ponder well—*rescuing girls.*

With the Queen Esther girls, Christmas carols were sung to twelve shut-ins.

Addressed fifteen Epworth League meetings.

South Chicago.

One thousand six hundred and fifteen calls were made by our missionary, Mrs. Starks, who has now gone to Portland, Ore., as superintendent of the work there, greatly to our regret; but she has left the fragrance of her spiritual life among the people with whom she labored, in the prayers offered in the homes (103), reading the Scripture in the homes (15), and whatsoever her hands found to do, doing it with all her might.

Spring Valley and Ladd.

Our two workers here among the miners have been in labors abundant, making more than two thousand calls in the homes, reading the Bible, offering prayer, and ministering to them in love. It is only in this way that we can learn of their difficulties, their loneliness, and most of all, their "soul hunger."

Lincoln Street.

The Industrial School had by far its best year, the total enrollment being 648. The pastor's wife had a class of twenty-six young ladies in dressmaking, and about twenty boys were in the carpentry class. A shoe repairing class was organized of about seventeen boys, who learned some of the fundamentals of "the cure of soles." The shoes are repaired and sold from the counter, so that the boys can both learn and earn at the same time.

In all the departments of the school we constantly aim to strengthen character and develop good habits by constant touch and conversation with the children. Last winter twenty-eight boys signed the pledge.

Italian Work (City).

We have forty-eight children in our kindergarten because we have only forty-eight chairs. That is our real difficulty (we expect to overcome it), no trouble to get the children, but little "Salvatore" and little "Greek Jimmie" and little twenty-three months' old "Guiseppe" had to be turned away even though the latter's mother pleaded, "But he cries to come. He doesn't care about the chair; he'll sit on the floor—if only he can just come."

And when summer came and they could go to their little playground,

the delighted children declared: "That kindergarten never finished at all this year." For on Sunday afternoon they gather about the piano and sing "Jesus songs," look at Jesus pictures and listen to the story of "when Jesus was a little boy" as begged by this same little Salvatore, and who on the first day scissors were given to the kindergarten class, said to his teacher: "With my scissors I am going to cut a cross for Jesus." And that day the class, of their own planning, all carried to their homes "Jesus Crosses."

And so it is worth while to have the "kindergarten," the "big boys' club" and the "little boys' club;" the "big girls' club" and the "little girls' club;" the "sewing classes" and the cooking classes. We are looking forward to a successful year's work for the Kingdom among our Italian neighbors.

Italian (Joliet).

Our missionary (the Italian pastor's wife), reports: "Each week I have made from eight to twelve calls, trying to give the mothers and children some lessons in the better way of living. In one place I found a sick baby. First I found he had something in his eyes. I then removed its clothes; wound tight around his chest was about two yards of domestic, over this was some kind of dirty little shirt, then a skirt and flannel dress; and around the neck some Catholic beads and brass cross which the priest had placed around. I removed all, and bathed and dressed him and left him a happy little baby.

"There are many new children who come to me to hear the teaching of our Lord. May we have the blessing of God and our mission be a fruitful one!"

Other Work.

The greater part of the past year we have had workers in connection with South Park Avenue Church, Wabash Avenue, Halsted Street Institutional Church, Wicker Park, and Erie Street.

Much parish visiting has been done, which has strengthened the Church and Sunday schools, and the sympathetic touch of the missionaries has brightened the days for many a discouraged one or roused the indifferent to a sense of duty.

A new work among the Italians at Rockford, Ill., was opened in October.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Margaret A. Hubbell, *Chairman of Committee.*

Glenn Home.

The past year has been a strenuous one for Glenn Home because of the floods, strikes, and labor conditions generally; all reports show the workers have been greatly hampered in their efforts.

Despite these adverse circumstances, under the management of our present Superintendent, Miss Carolyn Woods, the Home has not only maintained its excellent record of former years, but has advanced and still continues to be most popular among the self-supporting young women of our city. The Superintendent says: "After a year's experience of coming into actual contact with the daily life of thirty to forty girls, learning their problems, and sharing their joys and sorrows, I have a broader vision of the grand work this Home has been accomplishing.

Young women are being given the opportunity to live on small means in a comfortable home, with simple but nourishing meals, all for

the small sum of $3.10 per week. Here they are shut away from the glare of the city and its temptations, which do not invade the home atmosphere. The prayer services held, the grace at each meal, and the companionship of Christian women do much for these young people.

The perplexities of the Superintendent of such a Home are many, but I have been sustained during the year by the members of the Board and sympathetic friends. There is a great field for usefulness in this work for the young women of our city, and I feel that our efforts are not in vain."

Glenn Home Kindergarten, under the direction of Miss Emma Wolfer, enrolled the names of sixty-one children during the past year. This list includes children of many nationalities—American, German, Irish, French, and Italian.

The hymn dear to the children's heart is "Jesus loves me," and this has been accepted as the Glenn Home Kindergarten hymn. One little Italian girl tells of singing it to the baby while her mother cooked the dinner, thus the influence for good is far-reaching and is felt in the homes of the foreigners of our city. The monthly reports from Miss Wolfer are full of interesting, personal experiences pertaining to the life of these little ones.

Hundreds of visits have been made during the year and a large number of garments distributed to worthy persons, many of whom were sufferers during the floods of the past year and the strikes in the spring.

The kindergarten now in St. Paul Church, under the direction of Miss Faith Lingenfelter, was opened last year after the high waters had driven us from the Riverside cottage. This school has met with success, having an enrollment of forty-four children, eighteen of whom are foreigners. They have had several delightful excursions during spring and summer, have visited the flower market and woods, giving the little ones an opportunity to see something of Nature and her beauties; helpful lessons being no small part of these outings.

This school, as well as the one at Glenn Home, has been greatly helped and encouraged by the gifts from Mr. Parlette, of Chicago, who never fails to aid Santa Claus very substantially, as he distributes his gifts to the children. Miss Faith has made two hundred and fifty visits in the homes of the children.

The Galion Street Mission, under the management of the Rev. W. W. Holland, assisted by Mr. Owen M. Outcalt and Miss Mayme Kolo, Miss Ella Page, Miss Clara Jergens, and Miss Rosa Kolo, though hampered in many ways, has had a good year. The attendance has varied from fifteen to sixty. Most of the children who attend the various services have professed faith in Christ, and the prayer-meetings held each week are about the only religious services for many of the people of the neighborhood. During the flood the piano at this mission was destroyed, but through the generosity of the Epworth League of the Riverside Methodist Episcopal Church another was substituted.

This band of noble women, an interdenominational company, meet once a month, and as their needles fly, making garments for distribution by the workers among the needy, they talk of their interest in the Home and what it has done for various families of their acquaintance. Dollars and cents would hardly give an adequate account of the work of these busy women who are giving so much of self to help the cause.

A very large number of supplies have been received, but the year has been a peculiarly hard one for many of our people, and many more garments could have been disposed of had they come in. Donations of fruits, jellies, canned goods of all kinds are always gratefully received.

Total receipts by Treasurer from all sources for the year 1912-13.	$2,248 83
Disbursements	2,116 39
Balance, June 4, 1913	$132 44
Receipts in the Home	$3,648 85
Disbursements	3,608 85
Balance	$40 00

The following letters from Glenn Home girls will perhaps tell what the Home has meant to them more than any words of the writer:

"Springfield, Ohio.

"Dear Miss Woods: I fully expected to return to Glenn Home to live, but at the last moment had a flattering offer to work here, and have accepted same. I have had so much trouble finding a good boarding-house. Live in a nice place now, but 'rations' are short and I have to pay $4.50. If I do not find a better place, I am going to throw over my 'job' and come back to Cincinnati and Glenn Home. I did not realize how much you were doing for us till I got away and found out how much better we are fed and housed at the Home than elsewhere.

"You may expect me at any time. With love, ————."

"Dear Superintendent: Arrived safe and sound, and am feeling quite well. I can not tell you how much I appreciate your kindness while I was sick. I told my father and mother about your getting up at midnight and staying with me until after the doctor came. They said they would not be afraid to trust me at Glenn Home hereafter.

"Thanking you again, I am, your friend, ————."

"Dear Miss Woods: Have missed Glenn Home, you, and the girls since I left, and am homesick, but I know my duty lies in staying at my work, and I will try to do my best.

"I shall always remember your kindness and live in the hope I may some day be a resident again of dear Glenn Home.

"Love to yourself and the girls, ————."

Letter from the Travelers' Aid Deaconess at Union Station: "I take great pleasure in expressing my appreciation of the helpful spirit of Glenn Home in connection with the Travelers' Aid at the Grand Central Station. In the last six months thirty-five young women and girls have found a welcome there; some seeking employment, others waiting for trains. The Superintendent, Miss Woods, has always greeted us with a pleasant smile, and if the rooms were all taken, she would find a bed somewhere for the traveler. We have had some very interesting guests, among them a little girl on her way from New York to Paducah, Ky. She was the only one left of a family; the father and two brothers perished in the fated *Titanic,* the stepmother died of pneumonia in New York, and she was going to her father's sisters. She was so pleased with her visit she said she would like to stay there. A young mother with her baby spent the day there waiting for her train. She had inquired of the Travelers' Aid deaconesses where she could find a place to stay and prepare the baby's food. She was welcomed at Glenn Home. A young girl from Texas who had been somewhat of a wanderer found a home there. The Superintendent

interested herself to help get her employment, as she has others who have been taken there. I might say I hardly know what I would do with some of my young women were it not for Glenn Home. Again thanking the committee for the co-operation of Glenn Home in the Travelers' Aid work, I am, ANNIE H. SANDRIDGE, *Deaconess.*"

WHY A NEW HOME?

A glance at the picture of the present Home answers this question. A building erected perhaps fifty years ago, though very elegant for a family residence at the time, is scarcely adapted to the uses of the Glenn Home of to-day.

The present building, being three rooms deep, is accessible to sunlight and air only from the front and rear, consequqently has a dark room in each story. A new building, open on three sides at least, is a necessity. The present location is undesirable. The city has been moving toward the north since the Home was built, and the neighborhood is not what we desire for the young women and girls.

The rooms in this building are large, but necessarily crowded, oft-times from three to four in a room; the new building should have small but comfortable separate rooms. There should be an office for the Superintendent, a room for the Board meetings, social rooms, and a kindergarten-room.

The demand for a moderate-priced boarding-home by the self-supporting women of the city is urgent. Though Cincinnati has several such homes, modern in appointments in good locations they are more than full, and several hundred more girls are seeking such a Home as ours.

These are but some of the reasons why we should at once begin to plan for a new building. Can we not lay this matter on the hearts of the Christian people of Cincinnati and the adjoining States? Many of our girls come from Indiana and Kentucky, and we need the co-operation of friends in these States to help us carry out our plans for the betterment of the young womanhood of this city.

The Home is open to girls of all denominations. The work is interdenominational, though under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At the last annual meeting, held at Washington, D. C., in October, the request of The Glenn Home Board to be permitted to collect $50,000 for a new building was granted.

The Building Committee will canvass the city and suburbs to secure gifts and also earnestly request each Auxiliary Circle, Home Guards Band of the West Ohio Conference, and all friends of the work to make generous pledges to the Building Fund, that the required sum may be secured at an early date.

For the benefit of friends who desire to help we give a few of our needs: Bed-spreads; tablecloths one and a half, three, and eight yards long; napkins, pillow-slips, sheets for single beds, canned fruit; also edibles of any kind will be acceptable.

Who can count the number of lives influenced for good by the work of Glenn Home in one year's time? One girl saved comes in touch with many others, and her influence is felt. The seed is sown by the workers, the harvest we can leave with the God of the harvest, and He will care for the increase. MRS. D. JEWELL DURRELL.

HULL STREET SETTLEMENT AND MEDICAL MISSION DISPENSARY, 36 HULL STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

(National.)

Medical Mission.

No specially new work has been adopted the past year, but a broadening and deepening of that already started. With the thought, "I am my brother's keeper," each worker has tried to bring brightness and cheer to these foreign neighbors, tried to show them the true meaning of life, and how to live their lives aright.

The medical work has increased, and we have to report 14,040 treatments given in the dispensary, 2,163 treatments on the district; total, 16,203 for the year. Operations performed, 278. The stork has been busy at the North End; our doctors and nurses have cared for 169 obstetrical cases; 2,786 nurses' calls made. We are glad to report that the services of a graduate doctor have been secured for the year. He will reside at the Mission, giving his whole time to the work. A senior student from Boston University Medical School will serve as student interne. Our student nurses now come to us from Newburyport, Worcester, and deaconess hospitals, receiving a three-months' training in dispensary and district work.

The Dental Clinic has proved its need; 550 treatments were given the past year, an average of 55 a month. The clinic is open only ten months. A friend of the Mission gave $2,000, to be used at the Homœpathic Hospital to furnish a special room for orthopedic work, with the provision that, as far as possible, patients from our Mission should be cared for free. Our orthopedic specialist, Dr. Howard, is the specialist at this hospital. We can not speak too highly of the busy physicians who give of their time each week to help us in our work.

Settlement Work.

The clubs and classes have shown by their good attendance that they were as attractive and helpful as in other years. The teaching of basketry was introduced this year, also a story hour for the children, which has been very popular. We wish you might have seen their bright faces as they listened to the stories told them by professional story-tellers.

Christmas was observed as usual at the Mission and on the district. A large tree at the Mission, with a visit from Santa Claus, when each child was kindly remembered, delighted the hearts of the children. Oh! the children of the slums! How our hearts go out to them in their sickness and need. Entertainments in winter and picnics in summer have been given; 1,074 calls made by social workers. These are cold figures, but they represent words of help and cheer to discouraged ones, sympathy in sickness, relief for the needy. If we could put ourselves in the places of these strangers in a strange land, we would realize the blessings of these calls.

Stamp-savings have increased. We now have savers at three chocolate factories in addition to those who come to the Mission.

The work could not be carried on were it not for the help of the large number of volunteer workers who faithfully each week come at

their appointed time, giving inspiration to their boys and girls by their attendance and instruction.

We most earnestly thank all who have in any way helped in the carrying on of this work. We need your interest, your money, and your prayers, that we may go on to greater things for the Master in the coming year.

MRS. E. M. TAYLOR, *Superintendent.*

UTICA ITALIAN SETTLEMENT, UTICA, N. Y.

(National.)

The work at the Settlement Home at Utica, N. Y., during the past year was conducted under Miss Hattie E. Davis, superintendent; Miss Alma Hasselbach, kindergartner, and Mrs. Ella M. Bennett, matron, besides what was accomplished by volunteer workers from the Churches and the Young Men's Christian Association.

Nine thousand dollars were raised by the Auxiliaries and friends in the Conference, and that amount of indebtedness caused by building the new Settlement Home was paid. There is now only an indebtedness of $5,000 on the property, which is valued at $30,000. The enthusiasm with which this sum of money was raised by the Auxiliaries and friends is an evidence of loyalty and generosity which bespeaks the future support of this mission work.

We have now expanded our activities. Miss Elizabeth Edwards is superintendent. Miss Carrie E. Holcombe, head of the Industrial Department; Miss Alma Hasselbach, kindergartner, and Mrs. Ella M. Bennett, matron, are employed at the Mission. New lines of work are being projected, and authority has been given for the establishment of a dispensary. Miss Edwards, the superintendent, is efficient and enthusiastic. Miss Holcombe comes with years of experience in industrial work. With these efficient and trained officers to direct the energies of the Mission, with co-operation and volunteer helpers, we expect the future year will show greater activity and wider influence.

MRS. I. L. HUNT, *Chairman.*

ORPHANAGES.

Cunningham Children's Home, Urbana, Ill.

(National.)

The Curran Committee of the Illinois Legislature investigated all the home-finding institutions and societies within the State during the past year. It will be gratifying to our many Woman's Home Missionary Society friends to know that our Home was one of the few which were approved without a word of adverse criticism.

The physical, mental, and religious training here given has Christian citizenship as the goal. Every child is taught not only to be good but to be good-for-something along as many lines as possible. To accomplish this, we have classes in darning, sewing, cooking, basketry, and laundry work and practical industrial work daily in the various departments in addition to our kindergarten, day school, Sunday school, Junior League, Sunday service, and daily devotions.

During the year extensive renovations have been made, providing suitable rooms for the superintendent and guests, and enlarging the dining-room to treble its former size. Hereafter the superintendent and his wife and several workers will eat with the children and give them training that could not be given under former conditions. The fine fumed oak furniture, new table linen, dishes, and silver for the dining-room are the gift of Ex-Congressman McKinley, of Champaign, Ill., a Presbyterian of high standing.

The year has been one of steady advance, and we wish to record our gratitude to all who have remembered us by prayers as well as material gifts. We also desire to express our special appreciation of the devotion and efficiency of our Deaconesses and missionaries, and our thanks to the Deaconess Management that has sent us such fine workers. It takes big hearts, broad minds, and capable hands to successfully solve the problems of a children's home, and the graduates of our Training Schools seem generously endowed with all these qualities. Above all, we desire to record our gratitude to the Heavenly Father whose blessings have been manifold continually.

Rev. X. M. Fowler, A. M., *Superintendent,*
Mrs. X. M. Fowler, *Assistant Superintendent.*

Watts de Peyster Industrial Home and School for Girls, Tivoli, N. Y.

(National.)

The past year has been a happy and prosperous one at Watts de Peyster Home. The general health of the girls has been excellent. Four young girls of the most promising type of the best womanhood have reached their eighteenth birthday and have gone from us to fill places of trust and usefulness elsewhere. One of them came to the Home a delicate baby of two years, leaves us a sweet Christian woman of eighteen.

During the year eight girls have been admitted.

June 5th was "Founders' Day"—a beautiful day in every particular. Friends gathered with us from far and near towns. As usual, the different rewards and certificates were presented to the happy girls.

The very dry summer has caused a shortage in our winter supplies, and some needed repairs make it necessary to ask old and new friends to be generous in their gifts.

Mrs. Frank Norton, *Chairman.*

The Elizabeth A. Bradley Children's Home, Hulton, Pa. P. O., Oakmont, Pa.

(National.)

The idea of a *real* Home for homeless children in our Conference was realized in May, 1905, when the Elizabeth A. Bradley Children's Home was presented to the incorporated Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh Conference.

It is beautifully located on the banks of the Allegheny River, consists of seven acres of land, a good house of some sixteen rooms, and was fully equipped for service.

We opened the Home with six little ones and an endowment (well invested) of $15,000. Since that time sixty-five children have come under the care of our most efficient, loving house-mother, Mrs. George A. Eyster.

We have had our trials and troubles, but feel we have done much good for the Master's little ones.

On Monday, June 23d, we had the pleasure of welcoming a number of our ministers, who came out to hold their weekly meeting at the Home. They had a most enjoyable visit and, I am sure, left us with greatly enlarged ideas of our work and their duty to it.

We sorrow that our Home is too small to accommodate but a few of the many who would come to us.

We have had some unusual and heavy expenses this past year, as the Oakmont Borough has been making improvements. Later they will benefit our property.

We report all claims paid, and a small balance in treasury with which to commence our year's work.

With gratitude for all kindness in the past, and asking the same favor for the future, MRS. P. D. PERCHMENT, *Chairman.*

ITALIAN MISSION, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

(National.)

The work has not been of the character of other years, owing to many difficulties, chiefly lack of room to carry on the work. This year we will reorganize. We have new quarters, through the kindness of the Methodist Union, in the church they purchased for the use of the mission work among all classes.

Mrs. Frank Thompson will have charge of the mothers' meetings, and Mrs. Sarah Clark of the classes in sewing. Cooking-classes will be under the instruction of pupils from the Mechanics' Institute of Rochester, N. Y.

The visiting of the sick, both in homes and hospitals; the looking up of those who had for reasons of their own absented themselves from services; the counseling of young people to attend all things that make for righteousness, has been the work of your Secretary of the Department.

Services in the morning and evening and a Sabbath school are under the control of the Quarterly Conference, of the local Board, Methodist Union. MRS. DANIEL SMITH, *Chairman and Superintendent.*

ANTHRACITE SLAVONIC MISSION HOME.

(National.)

The year just closed has been one of the greatest in our history. Many trials and hindrances have seemed at times to block the way; but, as ever, God has proved Himself to be stronger than the enemies.

We have been heretofore on the list of Deaconess Homes, but for several reasons we have thought it better, in order to meet the local conditions, to be classed as a missionary institute, and thus obtain a larger support of our friends everywhere, and we will be able to enlarge our borders as well as to build up a stronger work at our central point.

In our Settlement work, sewing has always been one of the principal features. Thus far in all our classes 125 girls have completed our educational course. Many of these have been in the garment-making class, and during the last year a class of twenty or more has been enrolled in the Needlework Club. This same class has also been organized into a Domestic Science Class and will, during the coming months, take a regular prescribed course in cooking.

Our English Department, although enrolling only twenty, has done better work than ever. We aim to prepare our young people for seminary or high school, as well as to help them in business. One young man has been promoted to high school this year.

Our Sunday schools have been well atended. Eight girls from one class have joined the Church on probation during the year.

Christmas and Easter exercises, as well as Children's Day services, have been conducted, and the joys of the seasons have filled the hearts of many with love and good cheer.

Our Home Guards have studied the regular course. Our officers have been girls from homes that are shadowed by sin, but we are sure that the light of the gospel has found its way to the hearts of many and has left an abiding influence.

A medical dispensary has been one of the new departments opened during the past year. We believe this will prove itself to be a greater blessing as the days go by. In many cases the body has been made stronger and, we are sure, will be led to higher lives. Several patients have been sent to the city hospital for treatment.

We realize as never before the great needs and the great possibilities of these Slavonic people. Many of them, given an opportunity, will rise to a higher plane of living, and no doubt many of them will in the coming years be leaders in our American life.

With the knowledge of their needs and with faith undaunted we receive anew the command, "Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed." EMMA TRESCOTT, *Superintendent.*

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Mrs. D. A. Minard, 119 Bidwell Parkway, Buffalo, N. Y., *Secretary.*

This includes the National and Conference Training Schools.

Hospital Bureau.

Mrs. D. B. Street, "The Kenesaw," Washington, D. C., *Secretary.*

This includes the hospital interests of the Society, with Brewster Hospital within the Bureau of Florida.

New England Deaconess Bureau.

Mrs. A. H. Webb, Northfield, Vt., *Secretary.*

Conferences—East Maine, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Troy, New England, New England Southern. Seven Conferences.

Eastern Deaconess Bureau.

Mrs. W. L. Boswell, 644 North 32d Street, Philadelphia, *Secretary.*

Conferences—New York East, New York, Wyoming, Northern New York, Genesee, Central Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Newark, New Jersey, Wilmington, Baltimore, Virginia, and Deaconess Stations south on the Atlantic Seaboard. Twelve Conferences.

Central Deaconess Bureau.

Miss Jean Oram, 1920 East 93d Street, Cleveland, Ohio, *Secretary.*

Conferences—Erie, Pittsburgh, Vest Virginia, Ohio, Northeast Ohio, Cincinnati-Central, Detroit, Michigan, Indiana, North Indiana, North Indiana, Northwest Indiana, Rock River, Central Illinois, and Stations south of this territory. Fourteen Conferences.

Western Deaconess Bureau.

MRS. JOHN W. BUSH, 2762 Charlotte Ave., Kansas City, Mo., *Secretary.*

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Pacific Coast Bureau.

MRS. JOHN STEPHENS, 3168 21st Street, San Francisco, Cal., *Secretary.*

Conferences—Oregon, California, Southern California and Nevada Mission, Utah, Arizona Mission, New Mexico English and New Mexico Spanish Missions. Nine Conferences.

Northern Deaconess Bureau.

MRS. BENJ. H. LONGLEY, 223 Arundel Street, St. Paul, Minn., *Secretary.*

Conferences—Wisconsin, Northern Minnesota, Minnesota, Upper Iowa, North Iowa, Iowa, Des Moines, North Dakota, Dakota, Black Hills Mission. Ten Conferences.

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MRS. U. F. HAWK, W. 1017 Indiana Ave., Spokane, Wash., *Secretary.*

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Colored Deaconess Bureau.

MRS. M. B. C. MASON, 2231 St. James Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, *Secretary.*

Conferences—All colored Conferences within the boundaries of the United States.

Action Taken by the Board of Trustees Concerning the Deaconess Work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

1. This Department shall consist of ten Bureaus, to be known as the Bureau for National Training Schools, the Bureau for Hospitals, the New England, Eastern, Central, Western, Northern, Northwestern, Pacific, and Negro Bureaus, and a Standing Committee for the Permanent Deaconess Fund.

2. This Department shall be under the supervision of a General Superintendent and a General Secretary, aided by a Executive Committee composed of the Secretaries of the Bureaus named above, together with the Treasurer of the Permanent Deaconess Fund.

3. It shall be the duty of the General Superintendent and the General Secretary, aided by the Executive Committee, to take into consideration the needs of the entire work of the Department.

To appoint deaconesses and probationers to their fields of work.

To transact any other business that the interests of the Department may demand.

4. The regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held in connection with the spring meeting of the Board of Trustees, and in October in connection with the annual meeting of the Board of Managers. Five shall constitute a quorum.

5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Bureau to have general supervision of the work in her Bureau, to make herself acquainted with its needs and opportunities, and to report annually, or oftener if required.

6. All correspondence relating to the general interests of the Department shall be addressed to the General Secretary, Mrs. D. B. Street, 21 Adams Avenue, East, Detroit, Mich.

Also all applications for deaconess workers should be made as early as possible in the year, and sent through the Bureau Secretaries to the Deaconess Office, 21 Adams Avenue, East, Detroit, Mich.

7. The Board of Management of each Deaconess Institution, and each Deaconess in Stations, shall report annually, or oftener if required, to the Secretary of the Bureau in which the institution or station is located, all annual reports to be made for the period ending June 30th.

Miss Henrietta A. Bancroft, *General Superintendent,*
21 Adams Ave., E., Detroit, Mich.

We are happy to report again a year of prosperity in our Deaconess Department. *Love, joy,* and *peace,* as we should expect, seem to have been the ruling features, and success has again marked our efforts. Cries from human hearts have reached our hearts; and whenever the call for help has come, the deaconess has done all in her power to respond to the needs. And these cries come not only from the homes of the destitute, but also from those of wealth where hearts filled with agony are longing for comfort and help.

The past year has made marked gain in our deaconess work. The statistical tables will show these. But what can we do to meet the increasing demand of the Church for these sisters of love and mercy—our deaconesses. Almost every Deaconess Home is calling for more workers. Conference Societies in increasing numbers are finding students and sending these to our training-schools. They are also raising the money to train such workers for use in their Conferences. Now the time has come that Homes and cities needing these Christian workers must also furnish our schools with students for whose training they will pay, and so provide for their own future service. If this is done, local officers will then know the character and development of the young women they send to our schools and be willing to accept them in their local Homes.

The Church has learned that a deaconess needs not only a tender heart and noble ideals, but also education, practical common sense, and health, with which to meet difficulties that beset the path of any worker who puts herself in line with the teachings of Christ in helping forward the redemption of the world.

The General Superintendent during the past year has not been able to visit institutions as much as formerly. In the past it has been possible for her to spend much time in the field, visiting from Home to Home, and thus to keep in personal touch with the many workers.

I wish to recognize gratefully the valuable aid that I have received from my helpers in office, for without their aid the growing and expanding field of service could not have been so efficiently cared for.

I must again emphasize the valuable thought I have already presented. You have, in your various Conferences, established your deaconess work and Deaconess Homes in which these good women can have veritable home comforts. You are happy in your successes. The Churches have learned to prize the work of these good women and want to employ them. They write to the General Superintendent for a deaconess, perhaps for

two or three deaconesses, with whom to open a Home in their city. The committees do not seem to understand the demands throughout the Church for these trained workers, and are surprised and pained to learn that every Deaconess is stationed. They are again surprised to learn that, by the regulations of the General Conference, the only power to release a deaconess from the field she is serving is the Conference in which she is located. Further inquiries will almost always prove that her present Conference will not release her, unless there be some personal reason on the part of the deaconess that causes her to desire a change. This seldom occurs.

I must, therefore, continue to impress upon Conferences in which Deaconess Homes are located, that the permanency of the Deaconess Homes depends entirely upon their ability to keep in our training-schools year after year a succession of strong, spiritually-minded young women who possess such qualities as these officers desire as workers in their own Churches and Missions. If the Conferences send and support such students, there will then be a constant supply of new workers for these local Homes. Keep in mind, when you send a student and arrange for her support, that she is of the type that you desire to undertake the work that you are planning. Thus, and thus only, shall we be able to make our work a permanency and give to our Churches and Missions the strong and capable workers that are needed.

Let us pray for the continuance of the blessing of our Heavenly Father upon that which we have undertaken.

"The work of our hands, establish Thou it,"
How often with thoughtless lips we pray!
But He who sits in the heavens will say,
"Is the work of your hands so fair and fit
That ye dare thus pray?"

Softly we answer, "Lord, make it fit,
The work of our hands, thus so we may
Lift up our eyes and dare to pray,
The work of our hands, establish Thou it."

THE PERMANENT DEACONESS FUND COMMITTEE.

Miss Fannie M. Cummings, *Chairman and Treasurer,*
21 Adams Ave., E., Detroit, Mich.

No work can prosper at the expense of the workers. This fact is coming to be recognized in every line of human endeavor. Pension funds, both public and private, vacations, welfare work, rest rooms, sick benefits—these provisions for all emergencies of life speak eloquently of the modern realization of the truth that in any business or profession the best work is done by those whose physical condition is good and whose minds are at rest in regard to the future.

In our Deaconess Department such provision for the workers is more than ordinarily necessary. The work of these women is a continual heavy tax on mind and body. They are called into places of sickness and suffering and danger. They are on duty by day and by night, whenever the need for their presence arises. Their work is regulated, not by laws, but by the necessities of those to whom they minister.

It will be seen that with the cares and anxieties of others upon their minds, the deaconesses should not have reason for any uneasiness as to

their own future. The allowance which they receive covers merely the every-day requirements of living, and leaves no margin to be used in case of illness, enforced rest or old age. Our deaconesses cheerfully accept these conditions when they enter the work. Can we do less than provide a fund to be used for their care?

The Permanent Deaconess Fund was instituted to make provision for these self-sacrificing women in all emergencies for which their allowance is not adequate. Sixteen deaconesses have been on our list during this past year. A letter recently received from one of these devoted workers says:

"I can not tell you what a comfort it is to me to realize that my expenses are to be paid during these days of enforced rest. I am so grateful to the Society for this help, as my people are not able to do anything for me."

Another says: "I did not know what to do until your letter came. The little money I had saved was spent for medicine and doctor bills, and I was quite at the end of my resources. The Fund is certainly a blessing to every worker who is laid aside for needed rest."

When a young woman is planning to devote herself to the work of the deaconess, the usual objection raised by her friends is, that she will not be paid for her work and will have nothing for the proverbial "rainy day." Let it be known that we care for our deaconesses and provide for their needs, and this objection will cease to have weight.

We have $12,000 invested and keep an amount in the bank sufficient to meet the current requirements of the work, for which an average expenditure of about $100 per month has been necessary during the past year. We heartily thank the Conferences for their loyal support, and ask that in making the pledges this year each Conference shall seriously consider the importance of our Fund to the future work of the Society, and contribute accordingly.

REPORT OF THE BUREAU ON NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOLS.

Mrs. D. A. Minard, *Secretary,* 119 Bidwell Parkway, Buffalo, N. Y.

The year just closed has been one of great satisfaction to the Secretary of the Training School Bureau. Every school reports increased interest and larger classes. Three of the schools have largely increased their property holdings and are equipped as never before to tempt the young women of Methodism to a life of consecrated service.

Kansas City, with the completion of Schoelkoph Hall, is looking into a future of great and glorious promise. Great appreciation is due Miss Neiderheiser for her wise planning and business-like methods that have brought to a consummation this fine building.

McCrum Training School has during the year entered upon a new vista of progress. The beautiful new building, of which a cut was shown in the July number of *Woman's Home Missions,* has a fine class of Slavonic young women enrolled for next year. Miss Davis, the devoted Superintendent of this school, has visited the Northwest, speaking among these people in the interest of the school, to which she has given such rare devotion.

Lucy Webb Hayes, our first school, has passed the year carrying great responsibilities. The building of the new hospital annex, Robinson Hall, has proven a wise move. To-day the building is succoring a large num-

ber of sick within its walls, although laboring under some disadvantage in not being complete in its furnishings. We ask that our sisters will take this work on their hearts and send on the moneys pledged as rapidly as possible. The wisdom of the Society in appointing Dr. Benjamin S. Haywood to the office of Field Secretary of the institution has been demonstrated. Dr. Haywood, now entering on his second year of field service, is proving his fitness for this position, not alone in securing moneys, but advertising the institution. Many friends, through his presentation of our opportunity for Methodism, are responding to his call.

President W. H. Wilder has given constant and careful supervision of every phase of the progress of the building. We count ourselves most fortunate in having two such men working in the interest of this school.

I ask our Conferences and Auxiliaries to remember the work of the training schools.

Conference Managers:

Keep in mind the help you can give to these schools in finding young women desiring training for a life of Christian service; in securing student aid. Remember to interest friends in the Permanent Deaconess Fund. Every Conference having deaconess work within its bounds is requested to raise annually $100 for this fund.

Your office is a valuable one. The training schools of the Woman's Home Missionary Society need students. Will you, as a part of your duty, study the young women in the Church, the district, and the Conference wherein you serve as manager; obtain the names and addresses of suitable young women who feel called to the wonderful life of Christian service, and interview these women; tell them of our National and Conference training schools; impress upon their minds the value of training? A girl who is acquiring a sound and accurate knowledge of her Bible and a Christian experience, that is taking the training in wise and well-chosen lines to fit herself for the place in which it will please God to call her, will find rare opportunities in the training schools of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

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The Lucy Webb Hayes Training School for Deaconesses and Missionaries.

The school year closed May 14th. The chief place of honor during the Commencement Exercises, the address to the graduating class on Sunday, May 11th, was given to Dr. Haywood, who preached a gracious and exceedingly helpful sermon at Trinity Church.

Miss Hartley, the Bible teacher, being detained by illness, was aided by Dr. Haggerty, who taught the Bible classes until Miss Hartley arrived in February. Our thanks are due to Dr. Haggerty for his ever ready help, and to Dr. Mowbray for his able teaching of the history classes.

Miss Frickey has done half the work of a teacher and given the remainder of her time to social work in the hospital. Her health, while improved very much, does not warrant more time in the class room.

Miss Wilder has introduced a new course in English study, a study of the hymnology of the Church. It has proved to be most interesting and helpful.

Miss Condy's improved health has enabled her to give especial attention to the courses in cooking. Miss Chayer, versatile and capable of doing many things well, has had charge of the sewing classes and basketry, and in addition has organized a class of fifty-three colored girls in kitchen gardening. We expect to use one of the floors of the house, number 17 Pierce Street, next year for this department.

Recognition should be given to Miss Whitman and Miss Casebere, her assistant, for their excellent service; also to Miss Payne, the teacher of accounts. She is an experienced teacher in this subject, and has the practical application of her knowledge in the most excellent service rendered to the Institution as its bookkeeper.

Miss Peck, ever faithful, is well adapted to teaching "Doctrines" and the memory work of the courses. In addition to this, her duties as House Mother become more and more burdensome. We have secured Miss Emily K. Judd to assist her this next year.

* Absent 1914 for Graduate Study.

Miss Hinman has grown strong for her very responsible duties as the Superintendent of Nurses. She is highly respected by physicians and surgeons and loved by the students and nurse staff. The staff now consists of Misses Hinman, Heiberger, Simmons and Wolford, all recognized as experts in service.

The local Board of Directors deserve special recognition from the Society for their important financial responsibilities borne during the year of building.

"Robinson Hall" is now complete. It is a magnificent building and conceded by all who are acquainted with the facts in the case to be the best hospital in the city of Washington. We are confident that the Board of Managers will be highly pleased with what they have permitted us to do.

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As we endeavor to write the record of the year's work, we are conscious that it has been a year of strenuous labor, a year of faith testing and much prayer, but there has always been a sweet consciousness of the abiding presence of the Spirit. No command has been given for the onward march that we have not heard the promise, "I will be with thee—I will help thee." As a result Schoellkopf Hall stands a completed building at a cost of $70,000, $25,000 of which is still to be raised.

With a graduating class in May numbering 26, 25 of them deaconesses, we realize that God has signally blessed this young, growing school, and our daily prayer is that our vision may be so enlarged that we will grasp what its future is to be.

The Thirteenth Annual Commencement, May 16th-20th, was a memorable season, not only for the Training School but for Kansas City Methodism. The Commencement address and consecration service by Bishop Shepard was a time of heart searching and renewed consideration of the claims of Jesus Christ.

The meeting of the Alumnæ Association was largely attended and resulted in the pledge of a Steinway Grand piano for Bancroft Chapel in Schoelkopf Hall.

Fifty-nine deaconesses gathered for the Deaconesses' Conference and all pronounced it one of the most helpful ever held. These Annual seasons of counsel and inspiration form a strong tie between the school and its alumnæ.

Our paper, the *Kansas City Deaconess,* continues to be a popular and helpful factor in our work.

Our Woman's Home Missionary Society Auxiliary had a year of helpful meetings. The annual Mite-box opening yielded $280.60.

Since Schoelkopf Hall was started the Kansas City National Training School Alumnæ Association and student body have pledged and given $2,000 for different parts of the building and furnishing, thus attesting their loyalty to the Training School.

Our Faculty has been strengthened by several additions, the home life is warm with love and sympathy, which makes it a helpful atmosphere for normal character development.

Our aim is to make the School a great power house, that out from it may go waves of influence for righteousness and Christian culture that shall touch the whole earth.

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San Francisco National Training School and Deaconess Home.

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129 Haight Street, San Francisco, Calif.

Only yesterday it was my good fortune to behold the far-famed garden where Mr. Luther Burbank and his faithful helpers have wrought miracles in plant and tree, flower and fruit, that have astonished the world. By his magical touch sourness has given way to sweetness; the plain, uncultivated flower has been clothed with a royal beauty, and the wild, bitter, stunted fruit has given place to large, luscious, richly colored fruit, coveted and sought by kings.

Our Training School is a little garden where the patient, loving Christ, with a group of bungling but faithful co-laborers, works from year to year on the precious but untrained souls that are placed in their care, and the delight felt by Mr. Burbank as he watches the wonderful changes in the unfolding plant and flower can not compare with the joy experienced by the Great Gardener and His unworthy helpers, as they witness the steady growth and wonderful transformation of character that come from the training of weeks and months in schoolroom and field work.

Our enrollment of twenty-three students (reduced somewhat by sickness) and eight Deaconesses, taxed the capacity of our building. We were proud of our graduating class of ten. Nine of these will enter Deaconess Work, while one, Miss Mallie Hong (now Mrs. Min), will be associated with her husband, Rev. Mr. Min, in missionary work in their homeland, Korea.

Every Deaconess in the Home has "made good." Five have been engaged in parish and Sunday school work, one as District nurse, one Travelers' Aid, one at the Immigration Station on Angel Island.

Grateful acknowledgements have been expressed to the pastors and physicians and teachers who have cheerfully rendered valuable services the past year. It is with sincere regret we say "Good-bye" to Miss Zaida Tyrell, who has served us so efficiently as resident teacher. Her father's illness creates a duty call at home. The prospects for the coming year are promising.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. Willis.

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The McCrum Missionary Training School at the completion of its third year has abundant reason to thank God and take courage. During the past year there were three resident and four non-resident teachers; of the eleven students enrolled three were Slovak, seven Bohemian and one Polish. Six were foreign born.

The earnest work of the students has given delightful results in the speedy grasp of the English language, in excellently prepared note books, and in the keenest interest in Bible study and in the other subjects included in the course. The class of three, graduated in 1912, are all engaged in active mission work among Slavonic people; Miss Swartz, at Star Junction, Pennsylvania; Miss Kacmar, at Wheeling and Benwood, West Virginia; and Miss Bloom, at Southside, Pittsburg.

This year brings great rejoicing because of the acquisition of a new school property. Beside the main building, a handsome old mansion, the garage has been remodeled, making a comfortable dormitory with recitation rooms. This was done at a cost of about $850, of which $400 has already been pledged. The entire cost of the property was $25,000, and of this $14,000 has been paid.

We wish to thank sincerely and heartily all Queen Esther Circles, Mothers' Jewels, Auxiliaries and individuals who have so generously helped us during the past year. Pray for the Slavonic Training School. Seal gifts with prayer for teachers, for students, for the multitudes of Slavonic people who "sit in darkness" and God will send the "great light" among them, through our "working together with Him."

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EASTERN DEACONESS BUREAU.

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The year has passed and again we report that opportunities for service have been met by the deaconesses and associate workers in the thirteen Homes and three Stations at this Bureau.

Parish work continues to occupy the time of large numbers of deaconesses connected with the Homes. The majority of the local boards are, however, more than ever before making a special endeavor to reach the foreigners and the neglected in our cities. Deaconesses specially trained to organize settlement work are seldom available, and it is difficult to meet the demands. This indicates the trend of the times, and points to the need of training more workers for this form of service.

We have cause for gratitude that the Wilmington Conference Deaconess Work occupies beautiful and commodious quarters through the generosity of Mrs. Wm. Field of Wilmington, Del. Mrs. Field's gift for Deaconess Work is a memorial to her father, of precious memory in Wilmington Conference.

A successful Deaconess Conference was held May 20th-22nd in Wilmington, Del., when about eighty were in attendance. A large proportion of the Homes of the Bureau were represented and enjoyed the hospitality of the Methodists of that city, and shared in the benefits of an instructive program.

We share with other Bureaus this year the gratification caused by the completion of Robinson Hall, in Washington, D. C. We are pleased to report also that provision for a new Home in Camden, N. J. was made just as the year closed.

The transformation of lives through the applied knowledge of our workers, and through God's blessing of power, is again the record of the year.

Anthracite Mission Slavonic Home,

344 W. First Street, Hazelton, Pa.

Miss Emma Trescott, *Superintendent.*

This Mission Home is located in the center of a cosmopolitan population, with Slavic, Italian and Turkish immigrants predominating. In such a mixed neighborhood it is necessary to have a great many ways of reaching the people, and the year's schedule has included evangelistic, industrial and parish work in all their forms. The workers have given faithful service, and the work has been blessed with good results, especially among the children. The Sunday school is in a flourishing condition, and the records for the industrial classes show an attendance of nearly 1,800 for the year.

The Home extends its influence even beyond the limits of the city, two communities outside of Hazelton being reached by these devoted workers.

Baltimore Deaconess Home.

1301 Madison Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Helen D. Evans, *Superintendent.*

This year we celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the establishment of our work in Baltimore, and, looking back over the years, we see the providential leadings of the One whose we are and whom we serve.

Our deaconess paper, issued quarterly, is gaining in popularity. Several of our deaconesses addressed associations and other religious gatherings in the interest of the Home. A new line of work has been started this year—that of Travelers' Aid at one of our important railway stations. Much good has been done in this way, and the work has received favorable recognition by the officials. The regular departments of our work have been carried on as usual. At Mt. Tabor, our Bohemian center, the deaconess in charge, in addition to her duties as Kindergartner, Sunday school teacher, director of a sewing school and girls' guild, and leader of a mothers' meeting, has this year superintended a flourishing Junior League. A Woman's Home Missionary Society Auxiliary has recently been organized with thirty members.

We have beside the one at Mt. Tabor two other kindergartens; one of them is situated among a densely foreign population and many children come from the homes of extreme poverty. Ten nationalities are represented in our various schools and classes. Our six sewing schools are well attended; one of them enrolls 250 children, including classes of small boys, who are taught chair-caning, raffia work and pyrography. At the Boys' Club instructive talks are given. The Girls' Guild meetings are enjoyable occasions. Knitting, embroidery and all kinds of fancy sewing are taught.

Several of the deaconesses are in charge of Queen Esther Circles, Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels. Our Mothers' Meetings number seven, and these are gatherings of spiritual power. Several women, and in some instances their husbands also, have been blessedly converted to God. Our industrial work is always second to our spiritual work, for we believe in "seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness."

Our Home has lost a staunch friend and generous supporter in the passing of that noble man of God, Dr. John Neff, to his heavenly home. We need such strong men and faithful co-laborers to enable us to carry God's work through for the advancement of the Kingdom.

Dwight W. Blakeslee Memorial Deaconess Home and Training School.

576 George Street, New Haven, Conn.

Miss Jessie E. Arbuckle, *Superintendent.*

Our Home stands as a center for our workers, and as such is open to all of the social interests of each deaconess, so that gathered in its parlor week by week are classes, business meetings, socials and clubs, touching the varied activities of the Church and the community life. In addition to the work done by our deaconesses and students, we have had faithful service from four volunteer helpers: Mrs. Molly Willis, Miss Grace Koraback, and Miss Hubbard, in our summer camp; and Miss Mary Kraft in the Mothers' Club.

Three Churches have had the service of licensed deaconesses for full time; four Churches for a few months; and two Churches have been served by our students.

Our Church nurses have been employed steadily in private and visiting nursing and in social service work. The calls upon this branch of our work have proved its usefulness as one line of the Church's activity; and surely He who gave Himself, when on earth, to the care of the sick, would want His Church to be carrying on the same mission in His name. We are also doing systematic social visiting in the New Haven Hospital one afternoon a week.

The Mothers' Club is supplying a real need. Here the mothers may come, bringing with them the babies and little children. An assistant cares for the children, while the devotional and social meeting is carried on in the parlor. A circulating library and banking system are some of the Club's features.

The boys and girls are ministered to in our summer camp at Plainville. Here not only recreation is given, but model housekeeping is taught to the girls, farm talks given to the boys, and nature tramps enjoyed by all. Eleven Churches co-operated in the work in the summer of 1912.

Our supply room in the Home has been a great help, both in the free distribution of garments and in their sale at reduced prices.

While the Training School was practically the first branch of our Home development, it still continues one of the most important departments of our work. Lectures pertaining to Methodism are given by our Methodist pastors in the Home, while those of a more general nature on the Bible, Parish Work, Christian Philanthropy, English, Poetry, etc., are attended in the Divinity School of Yale University. Thus is provided a splendid opportunity for all those desirous of preparing themselves for larger service.

The Italian Bible School and sewing school have been served, and the children enjoy the picnics and Christmas festivities as much as our American girls and boys do. Not much progress, however, can be made in the work until we have different rooms. We are glad to report that a lot has been purchased, and we are hoping for a building in the near future.

The year has passed, full of opportunity to "share in common human joy and pain." Out of our experience in the leading of the past comes the faith to believe that we shall be privileged to give even larger service during the coming year.

Buffalo Deaconess Home.

Miss Clara A. Mills, *Superintendent.*

292 Niagara St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Steadily the work in Buffalo Home advances. There has been growth with every passing year. Parish workers have assisted in thirteen Churches. Homes have been visited with special care for the sick and shut-in, the stranger and the wayward. More and more our pastors find the service rendered invaluable.

In the work of the Travelers' Aid we have the co-operation of the Young Women's Christian Association.

The time of two deaconesses has been given. There is a strong desire for another for the midnight watch, the need being apparent to all who pass through the station in the lonely hours of the night.

For more than two decades deaconesses have conducted weekly services at the County House, also a special Christmas service, with gifts for all who attend. Like little children they watch for the deaconesses and live in the thought of the Christmas festival.

Last year our family of little ones were taken to Chautauqua for three months. Minard Hall sheltered them for the winter. A vision came to us as we wrote our report for 1912, and we said, "Our faith grasps the promises of God; we shall sometime have a farm." As I to-day look from my window I see a stretch of more than sixty acres. The landscape gardener with his trusty men are busily engaged in excavating for two cottages and beautifying the grounds. Our vision has materialized into substance. Nearby is a small farmhouse where our boys live. They are cared for by Miss Watson, an experienced deaconess. Supremely happy are these children in God's great open country. Our Ruth, a frail child, is sitting on the grass surrounded by her brood of white chickens. Baby Leola is near her with a picture book, reading, she says, to the chickens. This is happy child-life.

Frank Moss, of New York City, lawyer and police expert, said in a recent address: "I had charge of a special investigation made by a grand jury of the most serious crimes committed by the youth of New York City. The figures show approximately 20,000 burglaries, not to mention grand and petty larcenies, and it seems to me that a glorious time awaits the mayor who loves his children and has time enough to plan for them, to defend their innocence, advise them, and see that they are rightly guided, meet them and talk with them in masses just as large as can well hear his voice. Savonarola corrected wicked Florence to a marvelous degree by winning its young children to right principles."

To train the children is to save our cities.

"And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hand, establish thou it."

Harrisburg Deaconess Home.

402 S. Second Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

Miss Ellen Mardorff, *Superintendent.*

Deaconess work in Harrisburg centers largely in the Italian work and its ministrations to the needy ones in that part of the city. Miss Longworthy conducted the kindergarten till the end of December. Since then Miss Mardorff has taken charge of the children, and although

her work has not been along strictly kindergarten lines, she has won the hearts of the little ones and of their parents as well. Meantime she has conducted a Sunday school class and a Junior League in St. Paul's Church. Both of these organizations have raised money for the work. She has also started a flourishing Queen Esther Circle.

In September Miss Willoughby, graduate of the National Training School Normal Kindergarten, is to take charge of the children, and will release Miss Mardorff for more neighborhood work.

We have also a work for Italian men administered by the same Board, though paid for in part from the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund.

We hope for larger things next year.

Jersey City Deaconess Home.

246 Summit Avenue, Jersey City, N. J.

Miss Anna C. Beale, *Superintendent.*

There are nine deaconesses connected with the Jersey City Deaconess Home; four working in parishes, one nurse deaconess; two industrial school workers; one worker among the Italians in Paterson, and one social service worker. We have great reason to be thankful to our Heavenly Father for His good and continued care during the past year. Each deaconess has been able to meet the many demands upon her without any special sickness, and a physician's service has not been required in the Home.

Last winter we were favored by having Mrs. Mary Leonard Woodruff give a series of lectures on Mormonism. This spring through the courtesy of the Board of Managers ,we were permitted to attend the Deaconess Conference of the Eastern Bureau of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. This summer we attended the Home Missionary Institute at Mt. Tabor.

We trust still better work will be accomplished because of these fine opportunities. We are deeply grateful to our many friends who make it possible for us to carry on this much needed work, and the future indicates a still larger field along many lines.

Newark Conference Deaconess House.

219 Fairmount Avenue, Newark, N. J.

Miss Jessie Newland, *Superintendent.*

With fear and trembling a year ago the women of the Board undertook the support of a worker among the Italians. Their faith was rewarded and the work prospered. All needs have been supplied, according to the promise.

This has been in general a good year. The indebtedness on the property has been reduced. A number of day's outings have been given for parties of women and children during the holidays and also through the summer months. Junior Leagues, probationers' classes, Sunday schools, Mothers' Clubs, and sewing clubs have had the help of the deaconesses. Our parish workers find their chief work in visiting the sick, the stranger and those who are in trouble, whether rich or poor, of every color and nationality.

Ours is a quiet, restful Home for the deaconesses when they are through with the work or can come away from it for a while.

PHILADELPHIA DEACONESS HOME.

609-611-613-615 Vine Street, Philadelphia.

Miss Bertha Fowler, *Superintendent.*

Miss Winetta L. Stacks, *Associate Superintendent.*

Another milestone has been passed and the Philadelphia Deaconess Home has scored another year's success. A tremendous year of service it has been in every department for every worker.

Twenty-one have answered to roll call. Eight deaconesses served Churches, one worked at the immigrant station and one engaged in social service. Two others and seven missionaries did settlement work, and our resident physician and deaconess nurse called wherever needed in parish or neighborhood.

The Parish Work is limited only by our small company of garbed workers. The cry comes from the Churches for deaconess service but we can not respond to the cry. The Churches we have supplied offer large opportunity for the expansion and improvement of service.

The Social Service Department is an important part of our work. It knows no boundaries but responds to the call of need from every quarter of the city. The filed reports of this department supplies information of value to other philanthropic agencies with which we cooperate.

The Immigrant Work is of increasing interest. The deaconess serves as nurse, travelers' aid, friendly visitor, and business manager to those recently landed. The arrival in a strange land is oftentimes made brighter and happier because there is someone who cares.

The Settlement Work has expanded to meet the growing demands of the community. The new building added last fall relieved the congestion of former years and added space for comfort, convenience and ventilation.

The Medical Department is growing, gaining the confidence of the neighborhood and reaching out beyond the Home parish. The clinic visits aggregated 4,654, with 56 patients placed in hospitals and 592 house visits made by our physician. The deaconess nurse has been a frequent visitor in the homes of sickness.

The educational work has yielded some very satisfactory results. The new accommodations for the bank and library have added to the attractiveness and efficiency of both. The deposits in the bank for the year have aggregated $1,405.19. The Coal Club started in the early fall enabled its members to purchase thirty-seven tons of coal, thereby saving the extravagance of the bucket and basket purchasing. Good books have been added to the library's list and the borrowers have increased in number. The Men's Meeting and the Mothers' Meeting, the Clubs and classes have been materially beneficial.

The Industrial Department has made an unpredecented record, but space forbids any kind of an adequate report of any one of the classes. The Annual Exhibit given this year in April instead of May had a wonderful showing of hand work wrought by the boys and girls. At this time those who had completed the prescribed course of the classes received their diplomas. Our exhibits are occasions of great interest in the neighborhood and city at large.

Spiritual work is emphasized and forms another department. It is not separate and distinct from all the rest, but dovetails into, permeates and influences all other departments.

The Sunday school has maintained an enrollment of 125 and ag-

gregated 3,345 in attendance. Christmas and Easter are appropriately celebrated. A special annual collection known as the Easter Offering amounted this year to $27 and the birthday offering was $10.60, total $37.60, all of which was appropriated to home missions. Two adult classes and two for young men and young women, with others for boys and girls, and the primary department offer a place to any and all who will join us in Bible study.

The Junior League number sixty-five and has carried out the regular program of study prescribed by the Central Office. Each spring we graduate pupils having finished the courses of the several departments.

Bible study classes have been conducted with much profit. A larger, nobler life has unfolded for several of the members. Watch-night Service was attended by a large company from the neighborhood. The Men's Bible class served an oyster supper on the evening of December 31st. By eleven o'clock the tables were cleared. Those in attendance waited in the kindergarten room. With song and Scripture lesson the meeting was opened. When the midnight hour struck, men and women, amid the noise and din of whistles and bells, were on their knees pledging new lives to God for the new year.

The Queen Esther Circle and Home Guards have followed the course of study and paid their pledges. Profitable work was done by the Queen Esther Circle under the name of Berean Chums, a club composed of the same girls. Likewise the Home Guards met at other times during each month as Campfire Girls. In this organization the girls received and gave valuable help.

Election night was of great interest. The Men's Bible Class was banqueted at 6.30 and joined the Mothers' Meeting at eight o'clock. Election returns were received all the evening. The Boys' Club was divided into relays that brought the bulletins from one of the newspaper offices where the returns were received. A program of devotion, song, recitations and games formed the entertainment of the evening.

The Fresh Air work consisted of outings by the day and week. The woods, city parks, seashore and country afforded fresh air, recreation, nature study, change of scenery and freedom in God's out-of-doors. Day excursions have been made possible by friends who not only financed them but were present to lay the cloth and to serve their guests.

Skeer Rest Home has been richly enjoyed by the workers at different times. The quiet and rest afforded by this retreat has been as a tonic to weary brains and tired bodies. Although sickness has invaded our Home, the general health of our family has been good and the spirit of the Home inspires enthusiasm and confidence.

Little Eva, coming to us from a neighborhood tenement, has been like a little sunbeam—a blessing. With mamma dead, papa away from home, sister at work and grandma intoxicated, life held little for the pinched, dwarfed soul of four years. Being warmly clad and with nourishing food, good care and spiritual training our Eva is giving promise of a sweet girlhood and a noble womanhood.

God is giving us evidences of His approval, and our purpose is to bless and glorify His name among the sons and daughters of earth.

The Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home.

307 West St., Wilmington, Delaware.

Mrs. Martha A. Sweet, *Superintendent.*

Hopes long deferred have been granted; an "argosy of dreams" has come into port. The new Deaconess Home, so long a thing of hopes and plans, has come to be a reality. Our building fund was slowly grow-

ing and those interested were praying that others might be awakened to see our needs, when God put it into the heart of a noble, generous woman to purchase a home for our Deaconess family. The Woman's Home Missionary Society has attended to the furnishing, and on the 15th of May Bishop Berry formally dedicated the Home to our service. The donor of this beautiful gift was Mrs. Wm. Field Kentmore, Wilmington, Delaware.

The year has been eventful in the new work opened. One of our family has been appointed deaconess preceptress in the Wilmington Conference Academy. Another new departure was the placing of a deaconess in charge of a settlement for the colored people. This work has prospered, and through the generous support of friends of the colored race a new building has been purchased and work in it will be opened in the early autumn. The deaconess is supported by the society of colored women known as "The Federation of Christian Workers."

Our small corps of workers has reached at least 250 families through the industrial and mission work. At Christmas time a fine turkey dinner was served to the children belonging to the industrial classes and to a Sunday school class in charge of one of the deaconesses. Eighty-two sat down to the dinner, which was as carefully prepared and as nicely served as it would have been had our Board been our guests instead of these needy children. We closed our industrial work the middle of June with a picnic in the country. Our new worker from the country said, "I did n't know children could have such a good time just playing on the grass."

Our parish deaconess has done a large work this year, both in the parish and in ministering to many needy families.

The health of our family has been for the most part very good.

A young woman belonging to our Conference has come to the Home to dedicate herself to the deaconess service; and at the end of this eventful year we are led to say, "God has done for us exceeding abundantly above all we could ask or think."

Stone Settlement Home.

Center Street, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Miss Vievie M Souders, *Superintendent.*

To be successful in any undertaking there must be a central aim or purpose. The watch-cry of Stone Settlement is "Christian citizenship." All departments of work are directed toward this end, and encouragement has come from seeing definite results.

Situated in a thriving mill town, our well equipped playground furnishes a healthful center for the community life, affording an outlet for pent-up energies which otherwise would be trouble-makers in the lives of the young people. A flourishing Sabbath school with the complete graded course, the Junior Prayer service, the Loving Heart Band, and the weekly Bible study meeting, develop the mental and spiritual nature. In the basketry, sewing and cooking clubs the hand and eye are trained. The "Camp Fire Girls" and a club for boys, "The Shenandoah Braves," have interested the young people in nature study and local history. A successful kindergarten has reached forty families and had the influence that only a kindergarten can have. The mothers have met once a week to discuss child life and homecraft.

During the year twenty children have been cared for, during periods

of from one week to several months. All worthy cases have been helped in a material way. We desire to help in fulfilling the promise:

"He shall deliver the needy when he crieth;
The poor also and him that hath no helper."

Utica Italian Settlement and Deaconess Home.

527 Mary Street, Utica, N. Y.

Miss Hattie E. Davis, *Superintendent.*

The past year we have had the delightful experience of working in our new building, which was dedicated to Christian Settlement Work among the Italians on October 10, 1912. Bishop Burt and Dr. Frederic Wright were present at the dedication service, which was followed in the evening by a reception for Bishop Burt. It was a red letter day for those who have seen the work grow from the little Third Avenue place of five rooms, where the work was opened in November, 1906, to the splendid structure we now occupy. Truly our Father has given far beyond anything we have asked or thought. Prayer and strong faith in God are the forces that were behind all the efforts of our women.

On February 1, 1913, each of the four Conference Districts paid $1,000 to meet our Conference President's additional offer of $4,000. June 1, 1913, $1,000 more was paid, leaving only $5,000 indebtedness on our beautiful building.

We have been short of volunteer help and our hands have been very full, but our Father never gives a burden without giving strength to bear it; and we have gone forth day by day, strong to do the Master's will and very conscious of His presence. With another worker for the coming year and increased facilities for work as more of our rooms are equipped, the service we render these people will take on added strength. This place is destined to become a strong center from which good influences will radiate, a beacon light for the Italians.

Washington Deaconess Home.

917 O Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Edited by Mrs. J. E. Gilbert.

Three kinds of work under the supervision of this Home have been continued during the year.

Miss Edith L. Smith with most orderly ways directs Rosedale Mission as a religious social settlement, wisely planning for both instruction and healthful recreation, and above all the Sunday school, Sunday night service, prayer-meeting, and Epworth Leagues are well sustained.

The stranger who enters our gates, the sad and the lonely, have found in our Travelers' Aid deaconesses, Miss Charlotte Webb, Miss Stella L. Shriner, and Miss Effie M. Ross, the helpful kindliness that brightens the journey and lightens the burdens. Erring ones have been restored to natural protection, and the "white-slave traffic" has been rebuked and held in check.

The "Charter Members" (eight in number) of the future Home for Methodist children, opened in June of 1912, give much pleasure to our younger auxiliaries who hold this department of work in special remembrance. The helpful hands and loving hearts of unselfish womanhood cheerfully respond to the voice of childhood.

While the quiet and sometimes the serenity of the Home has been disturbed by the "unexpected" from the "wee ones," our resident deaconesses most graciously co-operate, in obedience to the "heavenly vision" which appeareth in the way.

A parish deaconess and a visiting nurse will soon be added to our family.

Miss Edith L. Smith assumed the duties of Superintendent during the summer.

Miss Edith L. Smith, *Superintendent.*

Work along several lines has been carried on in this Home this year. A number of small children have been cared for in the orphanage which is connected with the Home, and this department of the work is growing in interest. We hope that the coming year will be one of great usefulness.

Wyoming Conference Deaconess Home.

21 Edward St., Binghamton, N. Y.

Miss Margaret F. Bell, *Deaconess in Charge.*

"God is faithful who hath promised, who will also do it."

On May 31, 1913, we closed our first year in our Deaconess Home. Realizing that "our help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth," and that He has made this work and this Home possible, we felt that in no way more fitting could we celebrate our first birthday than by a "Day of Prayer." It was a day of thanksgiving both for what God Himself has been to us, and for what He has wrought for us, and also a day of inspiration, stimulating our faith to "undertake great things for God and to expect great things from God." The one incident of special encouragement and inspiration took place when a young woman in our city, about to graduate from high school, gave herself to God for missionary work along deaconess lines. This we believe to be a direct answer to prayer.

The work of the Home has not been all that we would wish, owing to the fact that it is not yet well established, and that since February we have been without a superintendent. Miss Bell has given most excellent service in eight of the Churches in our Conference. For the coming year she will do parish work in one of our city Churches. Miss Chapline continues efficient work for Dr. Hensey in Clinton Street Church.

We are expecting two more workers, Miss Emmeline V. Garrett of York, Nebraska, and Miss Mary DeGroat of Washington, D. C., one to act as field worker and the other as Superintendent.

We owe less than $300 on the purchase price of the Home, and $300 on a new furnace installed during the year, all of which we hope to pay soon; and we are expecting our God to use the Home as a "Channel of Blessing" more abundantly the coming year.

Reported by Mrs. F. A. Blakslee, *Corresponding Secretary.*

DEACONESS STATIONS.

Altoona, Pa.

Miss Sadie Sheffer, *Deaconess.*

After six years of service in Altoona it is gratifying to see the growing membership in the Italian Methodist Church. The Sunday school is thriving and the work in the kindergarten and in the Mothers' Jewel Band is most encouraging. Many of our converts have returned to their native land; others are scattered in many different States, telling the story of the Gospel of Christ to their countrymen.

Mt. Carmel, Pa.

Miss Elizabeth Larrish, *Deaconess.*

The mission work in Mt. Carmel is steadily growing, although full of problems. A foreign-speaking worker is greatly needed. The Sunday school averaged ninety-five in attendance during the year. The order is excellent, and the conditions very promising. The industrial school is attended by children of many different nationalities. The Boys' Club has a "Home Guards" organization, which pays a pledge annually to the Mothers' Jewels Home. We have placed five needy children with the Pennsylvania Children's Home Associatoin, and are making arrangements for four more.

Reported by Mrs. Agatha Stine, *Secretary Deaconess Board.*

Syracuse, New York.

Mrs. C. A. Converse, *Deaconess.*

The work of the Home Mission Station has yielded during the past year perplexing problems and interesting situations. God gave us once more the great privilege of helping to win souls during the four weeks of evangelistic meetings, and perhaps the even greater service of training these young souls for Him during the four months of probation class work.

To be a "worker together with Him" is surely the reward of a deaconess life.

NEW ENGLAND DEACONESS BUREAU.

Mrs. A. H. Webb, *Secretary.*

Northfield, Vt.

It is with both hesitation and gratification that I make this, my first report as Bureau Secretary; hesitation because of my inexperience; gratification because of the success of the year. This success is due wholly to the labors of the efficient Superintendents and their faithful assistants, and to the increased interest on the part of the people of our Churches in the deaconess work.

Advance is reported along all lines; repairs and improvements have been made which have enhanced the value of the property; more and more our workers are getting in close touch with the women and children,

and, best of all, souls are being won for Christ. Efforts are being made, particularly in Barre, to bring the young Italian people directly into the life of the uptown American Church, where a most cordial welcome is given them, and we believe the experiment is going to prove the wisdom of such a course.

The number of our workers is small, but their activities are many, as evinced by the reports which are given. Not alone in our Homes and missions is splendid work being done, but our parish workers and our District deaconesses, some of them in lonely rural sections, are laboring most effectively. One District Superintendent writes, "Miss ——— is making the meaning of the word deaconess very beautiful to our people." What greater commendation could be given?

To a certain extent results can be tabulated, but this work reaches out beyond time's limits, and the total summing up of results can be made only by the great Accountant of the Universe. We place before you only the little tangible evidences of a year of earnest, prayerful effort.

E. W. Griffen Deaconess Home and Open-door Mission.

3 Columbia Place, Eagle Street, Albany, N. Y.

Miss Mary E. Whitehead, *Superintendent.*

The work of the E. W. Griffin Deaconess Home and Open Door Mission shows progress in every department.

Two deaconesses are now working as travelers' aids in the railway station. One of these is supported by the Young Women's Christian Association of the city. We had long felt the need of a worker at night in the station, and were very glad indeed when this was made possible. The Open Door Mission has provided a comfortable, clean bed and a safe shelter to many women and children. Three of our workers and the Superintendent have done considerable work in the several Districts of the Conference. New work among the Italians in Troy is being carried on under the direction of one of our deaconesses. Our parish deaconesses in Troy and Burlington have been faithful in service throughout the year.

Increased interest has been manifested both by children and workers in every part of our settlement work. Two of our older girls have accepted Christ and united with Methodist Churches on probation this year. We trust this is just the beginning—the first fruits of our labor.

The basement of the settlement house was flooded with five feet of water in April. The building settled a little and most of the ceilings came down. We have placed metal ceilings in all the rooms, so as to prevent a recurrence of the trouble. We are fitting up the basement as a gymnasium. A small bequest received this spring enables us to do this without incurring a debt.

Friends have made it possible for us to keep twenty-five of our children in the country during July and August.

Our new financial plan is meeting with good success and we expect this coming year to have a stated monthly income for the support of the Home and work.

Two of our associate workers go to our National Training School in Washington, D. C., this fall.

Everywhere throughout the Conference new friends are being raised up and old friends are showing increased interest in the work.

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Maine Conference Deaconess Home.

130 Federal Street, Portland, Me.

Miss A. Maude King, *Superintendent.*

The Maine Conference Deaconess Home is a center of many activities. Eight workers are connected with the Home. Parish work is carried on in connection with two of the largest Churches of our Conference. Evangelistic services have been conducted at several points throughout the Conference. A recent annual report recorded 319 persons brought to Christ as a result of evangelistic effort on the part of the deaconess. Our industrial workers have their hearts and hands full. Classes among the girls in sewing, basketry, fancy work, art and social purity are conducted regularly with much interest and profit. A mothers' club of forty-eight members is a delightful feature of the work. Subjects of vital interest in the making of homes and the training and care of children are discussed.

Regular services at the jail and the hospital are conducted with good results. Truly, "Man's extremity is God's opportunity."

Fresh air work is an important department. The camp located in a beautiful pine grove about five miles from the city has been a blessing to the many children and mothers entertained there during the summer months.

One of our deaconesses labors in the Italian section of the city in connection with our Methodist Italian Mission, and here finds great opportunity for service. A flourishing Junior League is under her direction; also classes in English, a class in music and three kitchen garden classes, where these little future housekeepers receive instruction in neat, clean and economical housekeeping.

In connection with the Maine Conference Deaconess Home, and under the direction of the local Board of Managers, with a deaconess in charge, is our Amee Home for Working Girls, located in the city of Gardiner. This work is meeting a real need in providing a pleasant and comfortable home, at small cost, for the many young women who must be away from their own homes while at work. It is also a social center for the young women of the city.

The past year's work has been blessed of God, and our hearts are full of courage as we face a new year.

Vermont Conference Deaconess Home.

83 Berlin St., Barre, Vt.

Miss Marion Wilson, *Superintendent.*

God has wonderfully blessed our efforts during the past year. Several new lines of work were introduced and successfully operated.

Miss Teresa Lanyon had charge of the kitchengarden classes, which were greatly appreciated by our little Italian friends. The domestic science classes were made up of the Italian clerks, stenographers, and high school girls. Three boys' clubs were organized, and two of the clubs had an evening each in the uptown gymnasium. The sewing school did well, in spite of many interruptions. A reading room was opened in the chapel, which met a great need and won many from the street gangs. The attendance in the Sunday school has been quite regular.

Six of our young people were converted, and united with the uptown Church.

Our Home is not regarded by the people about us as an institution. We are merely neighbors, and have been able to accomplish much by informal calling. It is a "House by the Side of the Road." We have formed many strong friendships among the Italian families; and they show their appreciation by sending us small gifts. At Christmas time our oldest boys' club surprised us by placing a new organ in our chapel.

Our other workers have done well. Miss Alice Foster has rendered valuable service on the St. Johnsbury District, and the work of Miss Lena Moffat on the Montpelier and St. Albans Districts has been highly commended. We have been cheered and helped by their occasional visits in the Home. We are promised a third worker for the coming year, and hope to accomplish much for the Master.

CENTRAL DEACONESS BUREAU.

Miss E. Jean Oram, *Secretary.*

1920 E. 93d Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

The past year has brought to the Central Bureau both losses and triumphs, but we feel that the work is going steadily forward. In several of our Homes the workers were severely tested by the hard conditions caused by the flood of last spring, but in every case the demands made upon them were so promptly and efficiently met that the work of the deaconesses has gained a firmer hold than ever before upon the hearts of the people.

Many of our institutions show a gratifying advance in the social work undertaken, particularly among the children and young people of the congested city districts. More and more urgent becomes the demand for young women trained for practical Christian service, who may go to the needy in the name of our Church and relieve their distresses and teach them the love of Christ and the possibilities of a life dedicated to Him. More and more we feel the necessity of reaching the children, and of safeguarding their lives from the evil that lies about them.

We humbly thank God for the trials of the year, for they have taught us to trust more completely in Him, and have given us opportunities for service which we could not otherwise have had. We are grateful that so much of real constructive work has been done by our Homes and stations, and hope that the coming year may show an even greater advance in every line of work.

Aldrich Deaconess Home and Training School.

523 Lyon Street, N. E., Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Aldrich Deaconess Home and Training School of Grand Rapids has had a year of usual service. The deaconesses have served in teaching, parish visiting, social settlement work, nursing and rescue work. Lodgings have been provided for women who greatly needed assistance. A large amount of relief work has been done, and special attention was given to children in industrial classes and fresh air camps. Miss Clark has served as Secretary of the Associated Charities, and Miss Chatterson and Miss Shorter in connection with the settlement have done good and effective service.

A change will now take place in the administration of the Home, acting in harmony with the advice of the General Deaconess Board and the Deaconess authorities of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The Wonman's Home Missionary Societies of both the Michigan and Detroit Conferences have uited in the support of the Home, while the property will be made over to the Executixe Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Michigan Conference. All gifts and aid given from both Conferences are now rightly bestowed upon the school.

This institution is now a Michigan institution instead of a single Conference institution. We regret that our Superintendent, Mrs. Ella O. Hartshorn, has felt that home duties called her to her own home for service to her parents in their declining years. We believe that the new plans will result in larger and more important service than in the past. This institution numbers among its graduates those who have done work of remarkable value for Christ and His cause.

Cleveland Deaconess Home.

2233 E. 55th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Laura Morris, *Superintendent.*

The work of the year has not been one round of continual success. We have had enough of reverses to make us feel our need of divine help.

One of our greatest losses has come through the death of two of the most responsible members of the Board of Management, Mrs. J. F. Mund, who was Secretary of the Central Deaconess Bureau two years ago, and Mr. J. S. Oram, President of the Board of Trustees. From the beginning of the work Mr. Oram has given more time, thought and means than perhaps any other one person, and his loss is keenly felt both by the workers and the patrons of the work.

There have been many changes among our workers, some leaving the work for further training, others to meet special demands made upon them. New workers have come to us, so that our numbers have not been greatly depleted. Two of our workers were sent to the flooded district this spring in response to requests from two of the Churches of that region—one to Hamilton, Ohio, for two weeks; and the other to Dayton, Ohio, for six weeks. Their work was greatly appreciated by the other social workers there as well as by the people of the Church and community.

The Camp Fire Work has been introduced by many of our workers into their different fields and is doing much to develop the best in the lives of the young girls with whom they are working.

Our nurse deaconess has given most of her time to class work in these different Camp Fire Circles, teaching "First Aid to the Injured" as well as other things which only a nurse can give. A camp for the girls has been opened at Painesville in connection with Epworth Camp. Accommodations for fifteen girls and their Guardian is provided, and the work gives promise of splendid results.

Epworth Camp was visited last summer by a siege of diphtheria, which greatly hindered the work. But we are thankful that there was no loss of life. Good has already come out of the trouble, for we now have a nice new isolation house, in a part of the grounds away from the other buildings, where upon the very first appearance of illness the child may be removed and kept in isolation until well. With our Children's Camp, Girls' Camp and Mothers' Camp we feel that we are well equipped to care for our poor families, and we look for even greater results.

The work at the West Side Cottage can not increase in numbers, as our buildings are already full to overflowing. A sleeping porch has been added, which relieves the congestion somewhat. The interior of the house has been repapered and painted and made more comfortable. We still have faith that in time our needed new building will appear.

So as we view the work of the whole year, while we have had much discouragement, we have also had much for which we are thankful, and are reminded again and again of God's providence and care.

Detroit Deaconess Home.

50 Selden Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Margaret Delight Moors, *Superintendent.*

The great event of this year was the dedication of our new Home at 50 Selden Avenue, on December 9, 1912. The dedicatory services were under the direction of Rev. Frank S. Rowland, and addresses were given by Bishop David H. Moore, Mrs. George O. Robinson, National President of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, Miss Henrietta A. Bancroft, Mrs. Moors and Dr. C. B. Allen. Our new Home is most comfortable, being adequately furnished and equipped, and decorated in a way that is artistic and pleasing.

The record for 1912 has never been surpassed in any year since the founding of the Home. With the exception of the workers at Fort Street Mission and Tillman Settlement, our deaconesses are all in parish work, and have done good service under the direction of the city pastors. Much relief work was done, especially during the winter. This was made possible by generous contributions from friends. The Superintendent has visited many cities outside of Detroit, making addresses and interesting people in the work of the Home.

The year has gone well at Tillman Settlement. The kindergarten shows a considerable increase in attendance, and the Sunday School is in a flourishing condition. Christmas was made a happy time for many families by the distribution of dinners and gifts, and the Christmas entertainment given by the children was very creditable. The clubs and classes have been well attended throughout the winter. Fresh air work was done during the summer; the number of women and children given day's outings running into the hundreds. We are hoping that this important work may be enlarged during the coming year, with additional buildings, equipment and workers.

We feel that we have great cause to be thankful for the year that is past, and are looking forward to a new year of even greater promise.

"We do not dream that it matters not
How you live your life below;
It matters much to the heedless crowd
That you see go to and fro;
For all that is noble and high and good
Has an influence on the rest,
And the world is better for every one
Who is living at his best."

Fort Street Mission.

725 Fort Street, W., Detroit, Mich.

Miss Kate A. Blackburn, *Deaconess in Charge.*

Miss D. B. Kerfoot, *Associate.*

The work of the Fort Street Mission, which is conducted under the auspices of the City Union of Epworth Leagues, has passed through one of the best years in its history. The Sunday school is increasing in numbers and interest, and the Sunday and Thursday evening services are well atended. During the year our work has been rewarded by more than a score of conversions that we know of.

The gymnasium and industrial classes and clubs among the children and young people have a high average of attendance, and have helped much in the development of character and in the preparation for practical life. Our deaconesses have not confined their work to the Mission Building itself, but have entered into the homes of the people and in many instances have lifted the family life to a higher level.

The past has been good but we look for greater and better things this coming year. We have a vision which we hope will enlarge into a big institutional Church conducted by Methodism.

Holloway Deaconess Home.

Howard Street, Bridgeport, Ohio.

Mrs. Lillian Hale Welday, *Superintendent.*

This institution reports over ten thousand calls made during the year, and a splendid total of children taught in Sunday school classes, industrial classes and Junior Leagues. A travelers' aid has done good work in assisting the strangers and others needing help and advice as they came into the station. The spirit of unity and co-operation within the institution is most delightful, and the influence of the Home extends to every part of the city.

Indianapolis Methodist Deaconess Home.

1905 N. Capitol Avenue.

Miss Mary A. Knapp, *Superintendent.*

We began September first with five licensed deaconesses. Two more have since been added. They are doing parish, mission and hospital work. A night school has been conducted at the Italian Mission, and a sewing school and mission Sunday school on the South Side. The deaconess in our Methodist Hospital conducts chapel services each morning, and a prayer-meeting each week for the nurses, and spends several hours every day in visiting and Christian ministry among the patients. This work has been carried through the year by Miss Knapp. In May, Miss Knapp having been made Superintendent of the Home, Miss Brackney took her place in the hospital.

The readiness with which a deaconess meets emergencies was demonstrated by the quick response these workers made to the call for help when the flood menaced our city last spring. All possible service was given by day and night in nursing, distributing supplies, seeking out needy

families and serving lunches. Three weeks were spent in the flooded district and 6,500 lunches served.

Two Queen Esther Circles and fixe Auxiliaries have been organized.

We recognize a large field for work in this city and Conference, and, anticipating increased usefulness with increased numbers and experience, we are pushing on and out in the name of our Master.

Irene Maitland Deaconess Home.

124 N. Jefferson Street, New Castle, Pa.

The work at New Castle during the past year has been somewhat disorganized by the illness of the workers, which necessitated a change of climate for both Miss Hall and Miss Babbitt. Miss Anderson continues to serve as parish deaconess in First Church.

McKelvey Deaconess Home.

72 S. Washington Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Eliza J. Rogers, *Superintendent.*

We are entering upon the thirteenth year of deaconess service in our city. The year that has just closed was one of the busiest we have had. The very disastrous flood of last March kept our deaconesses working almost night and day helping to relieve the distressed. We cared for a number of people in our Home, also some in our settlement house.

On May 29th our new settlement house was informally opened. Bishop Anderson and a number of Methodist ministers and other friends were present. This commodious building was made possible by the City Missionary and Church Extension Society. It cost a little less than $8,000 and is built of concrete block on a lot 50 by 150 feet. A reception room, office, gymnasium and kindergarten are on the first floor. A reading room and library are on the second floor, and a dispensary, dining room, domestic science room, supply room and shower bath are in the basement.

Miss Hillman, our deaconess in charge at the settlement, and her helpers are planning greater things for the coming year than ever before. Fifty per cent of the children in the kindergarten are foreigners. The work of Americanizing them is of far-reaching importance, but the work of Christianizing them is greater.

The outlook for the coming year is encouraging along all lines of our work. Our prayer is that great things may be accomplished for the Master.

Pittsburgh Deaconess Home.

2000 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Miss Margaret S. Boswell, *Superintendent.*

We can praise our Father for another year of service. We rejoice, with our Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society, that the mortgage money for our Deaconess Home was all pledged at the June meeting, and we expect to hold a praise service in the fall.

Twelve deaconesses and a matron have composed our family during the year. One of our girls is in training at Sibley Hospital. The dea-

conesses have made more than ten thousand calls in homes, and five thousand people have been assisted at Union Depot. The little bed room in our Home, devoted to this work, has been occupied by both American and foreign girls who needed protection.

The kindergarten was better attended than last year. Among children of other nationalities, twenty-two little Italians were enrolled. The deaconess in charge accompanied seventy-six mothers and children to the Fresh Air Home.

Miss Cameron is in charge again, and has a much larger family. She has also served as Conference Secretary for the Young People's Work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and has almost doubled the number of organizations in that department.

Miss Fieger has been encouraged in the work at Robinson St. Mission for the girls in the factories. They have been influenced by the gospel services held at noon, in their work rooms.

The colored Sunday school at Grace Chapel has been well sustained, with an average attendance of one hundred and thirty. Two groups from this mission have enjoyed entertainment at the Fresh Air Home.

Our friends have been generous in furnishing supplies for our Home and work. For all these blessings we would say, in the words of the hymn composed by Dr. J. H. Willey, of Christ Church:

"We lift up our voice in thanksgiving and praise,
Thou God of our fathers, the Ancient of Days!
For Thou hast been with us, Thy wisdom our guide,
Thy arm to protect and Thy grace to provide."

DEACONESS STATIONS.

Ashland, Ky.

Miss Elizabeth Johnson, *Deaconess.*

Ashland was in the great flood, and for five days we cared for nearly three hundred homeless people in one of the school buildings. Many of them were sick and nearly all had lost what little they had of household goods and clothing.

The work among the girls of the shoe factory has been blessed of God in the conversion of a number of them. The sewing school did splendid work. . The interest in the school has been such that the public schools have taken up the work, and will hereafter make it a part of the regular course.

The Holy Spirit has used our feeble efforts many times and in many ways to help others. To Him be all praise.

"Lord, if I may,
I'll serve another day."

Gary, Indiana.

Miss Alma Shultz, *Deaconess.*

Miss Shultz began work among the immigrant women and children, of whom there are so many in this factory town, in November of last year. She has conducted a Sunday school, a day nursery, and sewing classes, and has also visited in the homes. The results of this year's

labor have aroused much interest and commendation. Ground has been secured for a settlement building, which it is hoped will be erected during the coming year.

Ridgeway, Pa.

Miss Martha E. Bowers, *Deaconess.*

402 Oak St., Ridgeway, Pa.

Visiting the sick, the needy, the sorrowing, the imprisoned and the stranger has occupied much of the time of the deaconess at Ridgeway, Pa. Her parish lent her to a weak Church in a neighboring town during an evangelistic campaign there. She has addressed Conventions, organized a Woman's Home Missionary Society Auxiliary in a nearby community, and deems herself happly privileged in opportunity for a multiplicity of labors.

NORTHERN DEACONESS BUREAU.

Mrs. Benjamin Longley, *Secretary.*

223 Arundel Street, St. Paul, Minn.

The "Northern Deaconess Bureau" as such is only eight months old, and about all we can say for ourselves is that we have our eyes open, and we are seeing things.

If we were to speak of our heritage in these five great States, the vastness of our territory, our population, wealth, productiveness, manufactories, etc., we would at least give the impression of a good beginning. Opportunity we surely have.

But to the questions, "What are you doing?" and "What have you done?" which are everywhere demanding an answer to-day, we can only say, "Studying maps and Conference year-books; trying to reach the District Superintendents of our Methodist constituency; giving to the importance of the deaconess movement as much publicity as possible; and presenting to our young women the desirability of special preparation for Christian service in our training schools."

We are also holding on to the visible and material beginnings of deaconess work in this field, that nothing be lost. Our three Deaconess Homes and the Bidwell Deaconess Home and Training School are in the main an encouragement. Our deaconesses, forty-one in all, in these Homes and in stations, are earnest, consecrated young women, ready to go and to do and to be as the Master leads.

Our aim for the future is to have a Deaconess Home in each one of our Conferences, with a group of intelligent, consecrated young women at work among the people.

Bidwell Deaconess Home and Iowa Bible Training School.

1155 W. Ninth Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Rev. J. R. Woodcock, D. D., *President.*

One of the most successful and hopeful years of our history has been the one just closed. Thirty undergraduates marked the opening of the year, while eleven young women were awarded diplomas from the institution at commencement, which was a most largely attended and impressive occasion.

The four mission fields of Des Moines, including that of the Institutional Church of South Des Moines, and the flourishing work among the Italians, give our students exceptional opportunity for varied and thorough training from personal experience and hand-to-hand contact.

As an indication of the volume of work done by our deaconesses, it requires eleven of them to assist pastors and care for the growing missions of the city. Two are at our Institutional Church, two others in different native stations, two are at our Italian Mission, and three do travelers' aid work at the railway stations. In all of this activity our students diligently and enthusiastically co-operate. A very prominent feature is that of the rescue work done by our travelers' aid deaconesses, particularly by Miss Fischer, who by her commendable courage and faithfulness has not only saved many girls from the white slavers, but has secured evidence which has resulted in the resignation of a prominent police officer, and the dismissal of two others, who were implicated in the white slave traffic, from the force.

Much has been done to improve the buildings and grounds during the past year. The buildings have been painted, the interiors decorated, and flowers and shrubs have been planted. A conspicuous and appropriate sign now directs the public eye to the institution—the gracious, and on our part greatly appreciated, gift of our National President, Mrs. George O. Robinson.

This institution is a power for righteousness and has the opportunity for a marvelous future. It is located in a great State with an imposing and brilliant Methodist constituency. Our course of study is strong, and well administered by an efficient faculty. A new building is needed to make this growing school increasingly useful. This is a magnificent opportunity for some one to do a great thing for humanity. It is worth thinking over and acting upon.

Minnesota Conference Deaconess Home.

181 W. College Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Miss Mary E. Johnston, *Superintendent.*

The St. Paul Deaconess Home has had the services of seven deaconesses the past year. Faithful work has been done in our city Churches and one mission. One deaconess had one hundred and thirty-eight enrolled in a Junior League.

Miss Conner, after serving almost a year as Superintendent of the Home, at her own request was appointed Conference or District Deaconess, and has done very acceptable service.

Miss Estella Fassett, our evangelist deaconess, has had many precious souls for her hire.

We feel very grateful to God for our beautiful Home and the spirit of harmony that prevails, a prosperous financial year, a consecrated band of workers, and a good outlook for the future.

Northern Minnesota Conference Deaconess Home.

405 E. Third Street, Duluth, Minn.

The past year's record in the Northern Minnesota Conference Deaconess Home at Duluth is largely in the achievement of material things which we hope will be a good foundation upon which to build the things not seen. A house well suited to the work has been bought and placed

in repair. Through the generosity of the women in the Conference and the people of Duluth, gifts of money and supplies have enabled us to furnish it comfortably.

We were handicapped by the resignation of our Superintendent in February; and the leaving by transfer or leave of absence of three other workers. At the close of the year we had only three active workers in the Home. These are to be supplemented by our two scholarship girls, Miss Ellen Hall and Miss Winifred Downing. We hope by September to secure a Superintendent; then the outlook for future work will be very bright.

Reported by Mrs. L. A. Larsen.

Shesler Deaconess Home.

1122 Jackson Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

Miss Susie Morton, *Superintendent.*

The year closes with eleven workers in our Home—loyal, faithful women, who have wrought well for the Master. The tasks of these workers have been many and varied. They have been engaged in evangelistic work in the Conference, travelers' aid, parish, city missionary and industrial work. We can not mention here the different fields except to speak of the enlarged capacity of the Haddock Memorial Church. The Syrians of our city, many of whom live in the vicinity of this Church, are so grateful for all that is offered their children and young people.

We have not yet realized our dream of a new Home, but our loyal women are fulfilling promises in a most substantial way, and, generally speaking, our project is kindly received in our city and outlying districts. We are not discouraged even though somewhat disappointed. We hope to render a much more encouraging report next year.

Knowing that "He is faithful that promised," and trusting His guidance, we hopefully enter upon the work of another year.

DEACONESS STATIONS.

Burlington, Iowa.

420 Washington St.

Miss Aura Hopkinson, *Deaconess.*

I have enoyed very much the work of the year, because the presence of the Lord has been with me to help, and there is always joy in service for Him.

Hurley, Wis.

Miss Sylvia M. Lawrence, *Deaconess.*

My work, as assistant to the pastor, is rendered exceedingly difficult on account of the predominating Catholic element, the great numbers of foreigners, and the indifference of the English-speaking Protestant people. Nevertheless, God has blessed the labors and given a foothold for future work, especially among the children.

Washington, Iowa.

Miss Mame Jericho, *Deaconess.*

My work has been mainly that of visiting deaconess. Assisted by the young people of the Church, I have conducted cottage prayer-meetings, and have done relief work. Special attention has been paid to shut-ins. Notes taken from our pastor's sermons and put in typewritten booklet form gave a great deal of pleasure to those unable to attend the Church services. God has blessed me, and to-day feel a stronger desire than ever to live for Him and please Him.

WESTERN DEACONESS BUREAU.

Mrs. John W. Bush, *Secretary.*

2762 Charlotte Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

Because of the weather extremes and crop failures the year of 1912-13 will be remembered as a season of anxiety and disappointment to the people of the Middle West, but from our eighteen consecrated deaconesses scattered throughout this section there has come no note of discouragement. They have been especially successful in evangelistic work, and from city and country have come words of appreciation for their helpfulness and faithful service in building up the Kingdom.

The Deaconess Homes have each added improvements and have cared for an increased number of workers. The Bohemian Slavonic Settlement House at East St. Louis is a new work that has made a most enthusiastic beginning. Under the direction of Miss Mary E. Gould, Deaconess, the interest of the foreign people has been aroused and centered in the kindergarten and Sunday school until they are anxious to add their mite to the new building which we hope may soon be erected on the lot already owned by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Southern Illinois Conference.

The record of the past year has been one of love, loyalty and unselfish living; and our deaconesses have been telling the world by deed and word what it means "to be fit for your day's work and to lend a hand beside; to have strength for your own burden and some for the others, too; to know when to lift and when to lean; when to laugh and when to mourn; how to work and how to play; to ever watch and often pray; to have a heart that loves and is beloved; hands that give as well as take; and feet that go on little journeys to the places of the world's greatest need."

Margaret Evans Deaconess Home.

1630 Ogden Street, Denver, Colo.

Miss Isabel C. Leitch, *Superintendent.*

We opened the year with ten deaconesses members of the Home and two in stations outside of Denver. One of these outpoints is a difficult mountain circuit where Miss Helms has labored faithfully for two years. We hope now that a minister may be placed in charge for the coming year. Miss Harris, for three years deaconess of Trinity Church, now severs her connection with us to locate nearer her home. Miss McPherson was compelled to discontinue service for a time because of impaired health. Miss Waldeck resigned to give her time and

attention to her mother. Parish work and mission work have been carried on at several points. The station work has prospered under the leadership of Miss Manning. A new Church, beautifully equipped, was recently completed, and many lines of institutional work are in progress.

Two new departments have been added to our activities. "Hospital Visitation" proves to be a much needed and fruitful work. Miss Stigler is well adapted to this personal work and through her ministries many have found Christ.

The "Deaconess Settlement" is less than a year old, but has far exceeded our expectations both in development and in results. Some of the conversions would compare with Begbee's "Twice Born Men." Classes in cooking and sewing, boys' and girls' clubs, mothers' meetings, playground and library, together with Sunday school and gospel meetings, are meaning much to the people of the community. Miss Cummings and her faithful assistants are to be congratulated on the success of this first year of the new work.

The Home, through Miss Gamble, our Field Deaconess, has been able to render assistance in a number of revival campaigns—two, Kimbal, Neb., and Kock Springs, Wyo., are outside of our Conference. Several charges within the Conference were also helped.

Through many avenues we have tried to minister to the people's need and God has blessed our effort, but "there is still much land to be possessed." The harvest is indeed great, but the laborers few.

Southwest Kansas Conference Deaconess Home.

457 N. St. Francis Ave., Wichita, Kansas.

Miss Ida Hickman, *Superintendent.*

The progress of the work the past year has been encouraging. Our workers have all remained in good health and stayed by the work with devoted interest. September 1st Miss Corbin was given leave of absence for a year to help establish the new Harwood Hospital for the care of tubercular patients at Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Miss Souders is in Martinsburg, West Virginia, assisting with our Home Missionary work in that field another year. Thus the actual work of the Southwest Conference deaconesses is extending to fields far outside of our own boundaries.

All departments of work mentioned in my report last year are still in operation and each seems to be better grounded than a year ago. Considerable work in the way of refurnishing and redecorating the Home has been done, and has added much to our comfort.

The spirit of our workers is expressed in the following lines:

"We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift;
Shun not the struggle, face it; 'tis God's gift."

DEACONESS STATIONS.

Albuquerque, N. M.

Miss Edith Gorby, *Deaconess.*

Miss Gorby still finds her heart, head and hands full with the loving ministrations to the sick and the many calls of the needy, as well as more general work in the Church.

Harwood Hospital, Albuquerque, N. M.

Miss Stella Corbin, *Superintendent.*

The past year has proven the wisdom of this appointment. The work is growing and its future is assured.

Chanute, Kan.

Miss Blanche Freeman, *Deaconess.*

This is the fifth year for this strong worker here, and her work stands.

Clay Center District, Kansas Conference.

Miss Bertha Griffitts and Miss Ruby Davis, *Deaconesses.*

Two strong workers are doing evangelistic and organizing work on the District.

Hutchinson, Kan.

Miss Minnie Leebrick, *Deaconess.*

The service of this faithful worker has meant much to First Church in its change of pastors, and her opportunities are widening each year.

Nebraska Conference.

Deaconesses, Misses Agnes Gerken, Mildred Glaze, Elizabeth Hartman, and Julia Sladek.

The consolidation of the Nebraska Conferences places all these workers in one of the largest Conferences in Methodism. Miss Sladek is working with her father, who is missionary to the Bohemian people in Nebraska; and she finds a large field.

Salina District, Northwest Kansas Conference.

Miss Blanche Yoxall, *Deaconess.*

The past year has been one of faithful, fruitful service, and great opportunities are before Miss Yoxall.

South Kansas Conference.

Deaconesses, Misses Ollie Stewart, Alberta Anderson, Sarah P. Taylor, Buelah Rayson.

Miss Stewart is still on leave of absence, but will soon re-enter the active work. The other deaconesses have had a year of fruitful and inspiring service, largely evangelistic. Miss Anderson has been doing parish work.

St. Joseph, Mo.

Misses Mary J. Ryan and Daisy Stewart.

Miss Ryan is deaconess for White Temple. Miss Stewart is beginning her work with the six other churches of the city. Fine reports of their work are received.

Wellington, Kan.

Miss Lucy Howard, *Deaconess.*

Miss Howard has done some evangelistic work in the Conference as well as doing faithful work with First Church, Wellington.

Maryville, Mo.

Miss Jane Barrows, *Deaconess.*

Miss Barrows has recently taken up work here, and both Church and deaconess are pleased with the outlook for a year of service together.

NORTHWEST DEACONESS BUREAU.

Mrs. U. F. Hawk, *Secretary.*

W. 1017 Indiana Avenue, Spokane, Wash.

PACIFIC COAST DEACONESS BUREAU.

Mrs. John Stephens, *Secretary.*

3168 Twenty-first Street, San Francisco, Calif.

At the close of another year in the Pacific Coast Bureau of Deaconess Work we are gratified to know that some substantial gains have been made and some steps taken that will mean much to the future development of Christian work on the Coast.

From our National Training School in San Francisco have gone forth ten consecrated young women, the influence of whose lives will be felt not alone on the Pacific Coast, but throughout the United States and the islands of the sea, and eventually in foreign lands. Nine of these young women go into active deaconess work in this and other States, while one, of foreign birth, as the wife of a Christian minister, has as the dearest wish of her heart the establishment of a Deaconess Training School for her sisters in Korea.

San Francisco Deaconess Home.

129 Haight Street, San Francisco, Calif.

Reported by Mrs. John Stephens, *Bureau Secretary.*

In San Francisco six deaconesses, Mrs. Peck and the Misses Jones, Crumbaugh, Farnham, Osterhout and Way, have performed the customary services of parish workers with success and acceptability. Miss Lane has given short terms of service to several suburban and country Churches. An unfortunate accident deprived us of her labors for several months, Miss Hewitt, our nurse deaconess, has found plenty to do in caring for the aged and lonely, and in bringing help and healing to those whom sin with its resulting sickness and poverty have laid low.

A most excellent work has been done by Miss Maurer, our missionary

to Angel Island Immigrant Station in San Francisco Bay. In her ministry to the aliens of many nationalities, held there for longer or shorter periods, she has found opportunity to introduce the Lord Christ to those who knew Him not, and has had the supreme joy of seeing Him enthroned in some hearts and lives.

The evangelistic field workers, Miss Welker and Miss Dangerfield, have been employed throughout the year holding revival services in various Churches. Their efforts have been crowned with success.

A promising work among the Italians has been inaugurated by students of the Training School. They have found these people most appreciative of every effort put forth in their behalf. A sewing school has been conducted in connection with the Italian Methodist Chuch, and has been well attended.

Miss Scott has been engaged in Travelers' Aid work, finding in this service unlimited opportunities for doing good.

Southern California Deaconess Home.

511 S. Westlake Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif.

Reported by Mrs. John Stephens, *Bureau Secretary.*

Out from this Home which has been so ably conducted by the faithful Superintendent, Miss Mary E. Lunn, have gone the deaconesses who, though engaged in many forms of work, are all animated by the same spirit of love and a desire to serve.

The Misses Cheney, Fries, Smith and Anderson are all engaged in parish work. The ever-changing conditions in this great city, with its rapidly growing Churches and Sunday schools, tend to make the services of these deaconesses almost indispensable to the pastors in their efforts to keep in touch with the newcomers and to get them located in their new Church homes.

Miss Chaffee, quiet and efficient, is employed by the Methodist Mission and helpfully supplements the good work done there by conducting sewing clubs and mothers' meetings.

Miss Kirkwood and Miss Stevens, Travelers' Aid deaconesses, start at six o'clock to meet early trains, and throughout the day are found at the depots giving directions and help to any who may need their assistance.

Miss Steele, who is not yet strong enough for active deaconess work, has been very happy this year to be in charge of Wing Rest Home at Huntington Beach, where a well-kept house and lawn and a fine vegetable garden speak of her industry. The outdoor work in the bracing sea air proves very beneficial to tired nerves, and the Home is indeed a Rest Home to all who enter its doors.

Miss Pauline Walden has been a valued counsellor in the Los Angeles Home for a greater part of the year.

Wedding bells rang out in the Home when Miss Lucy Metzgar, long a faithful worker there, was married last September. She now resides in the East.

DEACONESS STATIONS.

Oakland, Calif.

First Church.

Miss Kathleen Weybrew, *Deaconess.*

Miss Weybrew continues her work in this great Church, serving with the utmost fidelity. With a new Church in the process of building the work is more or less disturbed, but the deaconess keeps on the even tenor of her way, accomplishing many things for the Kingdom.

City Missions.

Miss Essie Jebb, *Deaconess.*

Miss Jebb has been particularly successful in her work among the young people in this wide and very important field, and counts this as the best year of her life.

Richmond, Calif.

Miss Ada Richardson, *Deaconess.*

Miss Richardson gave some months of service in this growing city, working with great acceptability.

Vallejo, Calif.

Miss Rebecca Weigle, *Deaconess.*

Miss Weigle, who for years has so faithfully served in Boise, Idaho, came to the Coast early in the year and soon found a place of labor with her former pastor, now stationed at Vallejo. She has performed her usual good work and the year's record is a fine one.

Watsonville, Cal.

Miss Lucy Reas, *Deaconess.*

Miss Reas continues her work as missionary to the Chinese in this city, and is gaining access to the homes of the people, and finds abundant opportunity for inculcating the truths of the Gospel in the minds of the women and children.

Monrovia, Calif.

Miss Grace G. Adams, *Deaconess.*

Miss Adams is greatly beloved by the people of the Church and is a faithful, conscientious worker who attains results. Her pastor speaks in the highest terms of her efficiency.

Ontario, Calif.

Miss Geneva McCrory, *Deaconess.*

Miss McCrory has given good service in Sunday school and Church. A fruitful revival resulted in large additions to the Church and the year's work has been profitable in the highest degree.

Pasadena, Cal.

First Church.

Miss Ada Breakenridge, *Deaconess.*

Miss Breakenridge appears to be indispensable in the great First Church of Pasadena, and has had opportunity to be of great service to some who, but for her kindly aid, must have suffered as strangers in a strange land. Sympathetic, capable and untiring in her efforts, the year's work has been greatly blessed.

Lake Avenue Church.

Miss Eunice Sayres, *Deaconess.*

Miss Sayre has been hard at work throughout the year aiding the pastor in every possible way. A growing Church and community afford many opportunities for service Miss Sayre's office hour at the Church gives opportunity for consultation and advice, of which many are glad to avail themselves.

San Diego, Calif.

Miss Carrie Pierson, *Deaconess.*

Miss Pierson went to San Diego to assist in the Institutional Center conducted in that city. Her work along evangelistic lines was greatly appreciated. In May, however, she left the work to become the wife of a prominent official in the Church, and San Diego becomes her permanent home.

San Pedro, Cal.

Miss Nellie Sanborn, *Deaconess.*

Miss Mary Reed served in San Pedro the first of the year until compelled by ill health to take a rest. In March the foundations of a work which promises to be of great value when the Panama Canal is opened were laid in this seaport of Los Angeles by the Conference Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which has placed Miss Sanborn in charge of the newly purchased and equipped Immigrant Home. This Home is pleasantly located and is the pride of the good deaconess in charge who, beside meeting the steamers which touch at San Pedro, assists the pastor of the local Church and helps in the Sailors' Mission, where recently six different nationalities testified to their faith in the Lord Jesus.

Uplands, Calif.

Miss Jessie Pratt, *Deaconess.*

Miss Pratt, who was for so long a time engaged in Travelers' Aid work in Los Angeles, has proven as efficient in parish work and has labored in parish work and has labored in Long Beach, Uplands and Lamanda Park this last year, to the delight of pastors and people.

BUREAU FOR THE SUPERVISION OF COLORED DEACONESS WORK.

Mrs. M. C. B. Mason, *Secretary.*

2231 St. James Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

As we review the year's work of this Bureau, we feel with a thankful heart that God has led us. We greatly appreciate the increase in our treasury for this work. Money has been constantly coming in for our building fund and scholarships as well. Those who pledged at our Annual Meeting have been responding faithfully, for which we are very grateful.

Our work is still in its infancy. But we are not discouraged, for it is a work that God approves of; a work that is much needed among our people and is sure to reach full growth in God's own time. We are hopeful, for no matter how small our beginning the broadness of the work will bring us finally to realize a glorious end. Pray for us. Encourage us by your interest and help us to this glorious end by generous giving.

Our Station Deaconess, Miss Rosa Simpson, who is the Evangelist Deaconess and is working in the Texas Conference, residing in Marshall, Tex. God is blessing her labor and much good is coming out of her constant work for the salvation of souls. Pray that the time will soon come when we shall have more consecrated workers in this much needed field.

Our Station Deaconess, Miss Joiner, who is stationed at the Union Memorial Church in St. Louis, Mo., is doing a good work and is much loved and appreciated by the people.

I have pleasure in reporting that three young women with splendid literary preparation and religious devotion have offered themselves for our Deaconess Training Work, and are now ready to accept the provision that has been made for them at our National Training School at Washington. I hope this is the beginning of a new day for a more thorough consecration of our colored young women for this important work.

More minute details have already been given in my correspondence to Mrs. Minard, Miss Bancroft, Mrs. Delia Williams and others who have been very helpful to me in my work, and I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to them for help which they have so willingly given me.

Marshall, Texas.

Miss Rosa Simpson, *Deaconess.*

Miss Simpson, who is an evangelist deaconess, is working in the Texas Conference. God is blessing her labor, and much good is coming out of her constant work for the salvation of souls.

St. Louis, Missouri.

Union Memorial Church.

Miss Martha Joiner, *Deaconess.*

Miss Joiner is doing a parish work in the Union Memorial Church. She is doing a good work and is much loved and appreciated by the people.

COMMITTEE ON REST HOMES.

Mrs. S. W. Davis, *Chairman.*

26 Nutt Avenue, Uniontown, Pa.

Bancroft Rest Home.

72 Cookman Ave., Ocean Grove, N. J.

Miss Kate J. Quarry, *Superintendent.*

We entered on the year 1912-13 asking God to give us the best year in the history of the Bancroft Rest Home, and as we come to the close our hearts go out in praise and thanksgiving, again realizing He never disappoints His children. We are unable to "count our many blessings" and are greatly encouraged by the kind words of those who have been in our Home.

The summer months were strenuous but happy. Eighty-five deaconesses, 38 missionaries, 92 Christian workers, and 117 guests, representing many denominations, have contributed to the comfort and happiness of our Home. Miss Lorena Finley has served as assistant since June, and has made a specially cordial atmosphere for the deaconesses.

It has been our great pleasure to have with us during the summer Miss Henrietta A. Bancroft, General Superintendent of Deaconess Work. Her presence has been to each one a personal blessing. Rev. and Mrs. James Lyon, D. D., missionaries from India, added much to the sweet Christian atmosphere of the Home.

We have been able to make some badly needed repairs, and are very grateful to all who contributed in any way to the comfort of the Home, and shall hope for their continued interest.

Thompson Rest Home.

Mountain Lake Park, Maryland.

Reported by Mrs. S. W. Davis, *Chairman Committee on Rest Homes,*

1016 South Avenue, Wilkensburg, Pa.

1913 marks the fourteenth milestone of the history of Thompson Rest Home. This season has been one of much anxiety owing to our depleted treasury and heavy expenses. However, we have what we greatly needed, our commodious and well-equipped laundry, which we have used all summer.

We were greatly handicapped at the opening of the season by Miss Hicks being called home to her dying father, but we found in Miss Eleanor Dukehart, of Martinsburg, W. Va., a valuable substitute, who cared for the Home until Miss Hicks could return. Our brave Miss Hicks took up the burden, notwithstanding her grief, and did her best to finance the Home; and succeeded in helping us meet all obligations, for which we are thankful. But we appeal to our managers and friends to take Thompson Rest Home on their hearts and into their plans for the coming year, and to begin *early* to work for supplies and cash donations, so that it will be possible for us to care for more of our workers. Let all lend a hand.

Elvira Olney Rest Home.

Epworth Heights, Mich.

Reported by Mrs. E. G. Lewis.

93 W. Webster Ave., Muskegon, Mich.

The Home has been conducted this summer very smoothly and satisfactorily under the management of Miss Potter. The roomers and boarders were a most congenial crowd, and very happy to be there. A number of improvements have been made, and the financial outlook is very encouraging. We have had as guests 5 deaconesses, 2 missionaries, and 27 boarders.

Wing Rest Home.

Huntington Beach, Cal.

Miss Minnie Steele, *Deaconess in Charge.*

The Home has been enjoyed this season by 22 deaconesses, 3 missionaries, 14 Christian workers, and 7 boarders. This Home with the ocean view and invigorating sea breezes has been a great blessing to our Southern California workers.

Reported by Miss Helen W. Colf, *Treasurer Deaconess Board.*

Kate Cunningham Rest Cottage.

Ridgeview Park, Pa.

The cottage at Rideview Park has been a resting place this summer for 9 deaconesses, 1 misisonary and 10 Christian workers. This little Rest Home, on an elevated ridge not many miles from Pittsburg, has proved a haven of rest for the upbuilding to our Pittsburg Conference workers.

Reported by Miss Sara E. Eyler, Pittsburg Deaconess Home.

Beulah Heights Rest Home.

4620 Tompkins St., Oakland, Calif.

Beulah Home is one of our recent permanent Rest Homes, open the year round and caring for both transient guests and those who are worn out by many years of active service, for whom a permanent home must be provided. Buelah is specially fitted for such a Home, located as it is in the sunny climate of California. Since its recent opening it has entertained many of our deaconesses, 12 missionaries, and 267 Christian workers. The Conferences have responded generously to the support of this new Home, and finances are in good condition.

Reported by Mrs. Jennie Winston, *Chairman Pacific Coast Committee on Rest Homes,* Pacific Grove, Calif.

BUREAU FOR HOSPITALS.

Mrs. D. B. Street, *Secretary.*

The Kenesaw, Washington, D. C.

This includes the hospital interests of the Society, with Brewster Hospital within the Bureau of Florida.

Mrs. D. B. Street, *Secretary,* The Kenesaw, Washington, D. C.

Reference to the individual reports of the hospitals will be gratifying. In many cases a good advance in the finances has been made, and new buildings and equipment have added to the efficiency of the institutions. A great deal of charity work has been done in all our hospitals.

It is a reassuring indication of the spirit of our Society that so much attention is being given to the work of healing the sick. The interest in our hospitals is continually increasing, and during the past year the work has broadened and advanced in every way.

We thank the good men and women who have made so much possible for the year that is gone, and hope with the coming year to make the influence of this ministry even more of a help and blessing than it has ever been before.

Graham Protestant Hospital.

Keokuk, Iowa.

Miss Mary C. Jackson, *Superintendent.*

The record of the past year shows hundreds of patients treated, a good share of charity work done, and a careful financial management that enables the hospital to begin the new year with all current expenses met. Many appreciative words are spoken of the skillful treatment and good care given to patients in Graham Hospital, and every year brings greater opportunity for service.

Ellen A. Burge Deaconess Hospital.

1327 N. Jefferson Street, Springfield, Mo.

Miss — — Bechtel, *Superintendent.*

It is a pleasure to look back over a year of steady, faithful service such as the Ellen A. Burge Hospital has rendered. Nearly four hundred patients have been treated during the year, and all through the surrounding country the influence of this Christian institution is felt. The excellent management is shown by the fact that after meeting all current expenses there is a good balance in the treasury.

The donor of this hospital, Mrs. Ellen A. Burge, takes an active interest in the work, and may well feel satisfaction in the great results that have flowed from her generosity.

Bethel Deaconess Hospital.

Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dr. Walter Morritt, Ph. D., *Superintendent.*

The new year is opening brightly for this fine hospital. Through the generosity of two friends the floating indebtedness has all been paid. A nursery, connected with the maternity department, has been equipped,

and other improvements have been made throughout the hospital. The new Superintendent, Dr. Walter Morritt, Ph. D., is a man of many years' experience in hospital work. Many charity cases have been taken care of in the past twelve months, and in every way the institution is proving its usefulness.

Harwood Hospital.

Albuquerque, N. M.

Miss Stella Corbin, *Superintendent.*

From the hospital in Albuquerque comes an appeal for more tents. This sanitarium for tuberculosis patients was opened September 1, 1912. Already many sufferers from this insidious disease have had health and strength renewed under the care of our deaconess nurse, and many more could be cared for if additional shelter were provided. This work certainly concerns every section of our country, and we feel it would be only a just appreciation of its importance if every Conference in the land would undertake to supply at least one tent for the use of these unfortunate ones.

The work has been started with splendid faith and courage. Let us make it the power for service which it should be.

Methodist Deaconess Hospital.

Rapid City, South Dakota.

Miss Elva Wade, *Superintendent.*

This hospital, located in the gateway to the Black Hills section, brings its report to the Woman's Home Missionary Society this year for the first time. Miss Elva Wade, a licensed deaconess, became Superintendent of the institution in November, 1912.

Our pioneer preachers have done heroic service in opening up this part of the country to the influences of the Church, and for this reason, if for no other, it has a special claim on the interest of the women of our Society. In other ways, however, it is of vital necessity to the people of this section, many of whom are taking up claims throughout the country, and are often 30 to 100 miles from medical care.

The lack of rain has much lessened the prosperity of the people in this State during the past two years, and while the needs of the hospital are becoming greater as the work expands, the resources are at present seriously curtailed. We ask the aid of the entire Society in solving the problems that lie before us.

Holden Memorial Hospital.

Litchfield, Illinois.

Miss Adella Robbins, *Superintendent.*

A fine work has just been opened in the city by the women of the Southern Illinois Conference, made possible by the gift from Mrs. Carrie Holden of a beautiful property for a hospital, valued at $10,000, in which has been spent $5,000 to completely equip it for hospital work. Good progress is being made in this ministry, so that plans are being made for a new and modern building on the present grounds.

The Methodist Episcopal Hospital of the State of Indiana.

Sixteenth Street and N. Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

In this hospital the work has gone forward with fine success during the past year. The large new building, which so greatly increased the facilities for service, has been found insufficient for the growing patronage, and plans for another building are being considered.

The women of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the State of Indiana are one-third owners of this splendid institution, and take a just pride in its rapid development.

The Methodist Hospital of Southern California.

Hope Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

The enterprising women who are making the work of this hospital so successful report a sum of $60,000 in cash and pledges on hand toward a new building. Over 330 patients have been cared for during the year, 20 per cent of the work being charity. One especially beautiful thought is being put into action by the management, in collecting money to be used in endowing a bed for working girls.

Two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars has already been gathered together for this purpose.

Brewster Hospital.

Jacksonville, Florida.

Mrs. Olive Webster, *Superintendent.*

Brewster Hospital, the only hospital under the care of the Woman's Home Missionary Society which ministers exclusively to colored patients, comes to the beginning of the new year with a record of excellent work done under hard conditions. The building, for which a heavy rent is paid, is poorly located, and neither constructed nor equipped in a way to give the best service. So seriously is the institution handicapped by the lack of necessary facilities that a new building must be provided soon or the work can not go on.

The institution is a great influence for good among the negroes of this section. Eighteen most promising young colored women are taking the nurse training, and both they and the graduates of former classes are acquitting themselves creditably.

We shall have to decide soon what is to be done—whether this institution with its special, needy field, is to be closed, or whether it is to be enlarged and made more capable of caring for the neglected ones whose needs first called it into existence.

STATISTICS OF THE DEACONESS WORK.

DEACONESS INSTITUTIONS.	Year of Establishment	Value of Property and Endowment	Debt	Value of Property Loaned	Licensed Deaconesses	Unlicensed Deaconesses & Probationers	Stations	Students taking Bible Training	Students taking Nurse Training	Calls of all kinds made	No. of Sick Nursed in Hospitals	No. of Sick Nursed in Homes	Aggregate No. of Children Taught in Industrial Homes	Aggregate No. of Children Taught in Sunday Schools	Receipts from all Sources	Current Expenses for Fiscal Year
Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home and Training School	1891 1897	$14,000 00 x 2,600 00	$3,000 00		10	3		5		8,891		31	1,080	3,775	$5,580 23	$3,665 27
Baltimore Deaconess Home	1892	40,143 88	6,000 00		12					15,420			13,201	9,896	6,316 31	5,067 99
Mt. Taber Industrial Building																
*Bancroft Rest Home	1896	8,250 00													3,304 04	3,288 96
Bidwell Deaconess Home and Iowa Bible Training School	1892	18,000 00			12	1		12		2,659			50	1,000	6,967 50	6,956 64
**Brooklyn Deaconess Home and Training School	1892	x 10,000 00		$20,000 00	11	1	5	2		19,268			230	220	6,280 65	4,647 27
Beth-El Hospital	1903	106,480 00	42,600 00						24		824				36,633 23	38,020 60
Cleveland Deaconess Home	1890	32,500 00			18	4				15,628		14	4,577	4,442	24,626 63	24,617 19
Cunningham Children's Home	1895	40,700 00			4										8,979 68	8,293 46
Davis Deaconess Home	1895	12,300 00			3					2,662					1,656 49	1,586 42
Detroit Deaconess Home																
Tillman Avenue Mission	1889	30,000 00			10	2				12,426			8,098	9,079	5,834 00	6,465 00
Dwight W. Blakeslee Memorial Deaconess Home and School for Religious Education	1905 1906	6,500 00			3			2	1	6,159	4	80	28		2,506 01	2,444 64
Duluth Deaconess Home	1908	7,000 00	5,700 00		4	1				6,984		12	3,034	2,217	2,780 59	2,775 71
Ellen A. Burge Deaconess Hospital	1906	53,000 00							12		392				10,126 37	9,823 27
*Elvira Olney Rest Home	1900	512 50													434 13	363 61
E. W. Griffin Deaconess Home and Open Door Mission	1899	12,400 00 x 500 00			7	1		1		4,777		6	3,527	2,484	3,189 54	2,766 03
Genesee Conference Deaconess Home	1890	50,000 00 x 8,972 87	8,800 00		12			1		12,902		5		120	14,760 53	6,304 80
Graham Protestant Hospital	1901	50,000 00	15,000 00		2				12		361	17			15,164 23	13,446 76
Harrisburg Methodist Episcopal Deaconess Home	1911	Rented			1					968			699		748 74	753 73
Holloway Deaconess Home	1900	10,000 00 x 750 00			7	1				10,065		2	5,370	2,837	3,660 82	3,321 98

GENERAL NOTE—This report is compiled from reports made by the different officers of the Homes and Conferences supporting our Deaconess Work. Many of our deaconesses have married, a few have entered the Home beyond, and others have left the work for various reasons during the year covered by this report. None of these are reported here. Their work, however, has been reported where it was done.

FANNIE M. CUMMINGS, Office Secretary, Detroit, Michigan.

x Endowment. Deaconess property.

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Irene Maitland Deaconess Home	1910	$5,220 00 x 24,469 90			3					4,385			663	874	1,331 31	1,297 22
**Jersey City Deaconess Home	1898	xx 2,000 00		15,000 00	9					8,924		43	5,362	6,174	869 19	2,354 92
Kansas City National Training School and Deaconess Home	1899	125,000 00			13			50		12,099	31	13	548	4,961	11,480 40	11,201 08
Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School (Bible Department) Sibley Memorial Hospital (Nurse-training Department)	1894	500,000 00			4			44	63		1,751				73,545 71	71,013 00
McKelvey Deaconess Home	1899	15,000 00	$6,000 00		7					8,000			231	200	4,095 90	3,754 22
Maine Conference Deaconess Home	1903	16,500 00	2,300 00		5	1		1		4,547			1,503	1,277	2,176 52	2,169 65
Margaret Evans Deaconess Home	1898	15,000 00	2,500 00		9	1	2			13,740		197	1,567	3,073	5,865 24	5,701 73
Minnesota Conference Deaconess Home	1907	15,000 00	4,500 00		7					5,428			218	1,419	4,255 15	3,903 24
Newark Conference Deaconess Home	1899	9,800 00	5,560 00		5	1				6,218		30		1,754	2,575 33	2,105 36
Philadelphia Deaconess Home	1889	43,500 00 x 11,000 00	5,000 00		13					19,769		37	27,675	7,355	16,221 09	16,544 86
Pittsburgh Deaconess Home	1890	38,500 00 x 5,000 00			12	2			1	10,502			4,280	8,831	6,479 71	4,928 61
San Francisco National Training School and Deaconess Home	1901	25,000 00 x 2,000 00			17	1	1	18		21,437		1014	848	2,250	9,569 13	8,575 51
°Shesler Deaconess Home	1901				11					10,469		53	5,325	5,105	5,005 10	5,157 63
Southern Cal. Conf. Deaconess Home.	1896	10,000 00			15	1	1			14 426		33	1,855	1,237	5,792 39	5,502 47
S. W. Kansas Conference Deaconess Home	1898	10,500 00			8	1				10,128		92		2,456	3,133 33	2,384 43
Stone Settlement Deaconess Home	1906	9,500 00	1,500 00		4					4,046				4,085	1,916 66	1,715 00
*Thompson Rest Home	1899	2,350 00													220 03	210 60
Utica Italian Mission	1906	30,000 00 xx 800 00	5,000 00		2					1,893			1,136	900	15,378 73	1,336 71
Vermont Conference Deaconess Home	1911	5,000 00	1,170 00		4					1,856			1,240	1,837	1,762 49	1,681 55
Washington Deaconess Home	1890	13,200 00	8,389 70		3					2,681				190	3,215 88	3,044 32
The Hannah Riddle Deaconess Home	1907	xx 700 00		6,000 00	5	1				2,983			15,487	2,344	2,404 98	2,199 13
°°°Wing Rest Home	1906	2,500 00														
°°Kate Cunningham Rest Cottage																
Anthracite Mission Slavonic Home	1911	xx 700 00		10,000 00	1		2			356		30	1,727	335	1,935 46	1,389 00
Harwood Meth. Deaconess Hospital	1911	5,000 00	500 00		1						14				2,555 39	2,474 64
Binghamton Deaconess Home	1912	4,000 00	595 50		2					5,772			165		3,563 92	1,399 56
Methodist Deaconess Hospital	1912	25,000 00	10,000 00		1											

x Endowment. xx Furnishings. *Rest Homes are reported one-half the value of property, current expenses, and supplies, with the exception of Wing Rest Home, which is Deaconess property. **Property owned by Evangelization Union. ° Some changes are taking place in the incorporation of this property. Therefore, the amount of the property is not listed this year. °° Connected and reported with Pittsburgh Deaconess Home. °°° Receipts and expenses reported with Southern California Deaconess Home.

Indianapolis Deaconess Home	1912	Rented			6					5,850			70	522	2,421 60	2,421 60
Holden Memorial Hospital	1912	14,000 00														
*Beulah Heights Rest Home	1912	6,500 00													981 88	922 93
Camden. N. J. Deaconess Home	1913				1					376				24		
†Amee Home for Working Women and Girls	1911			5,500 00											967 71	967 25
Deaconesses on Detached Service					33	1										
Deaconesses to enter work after July 1, 1913					3											
Graduates to enter work after July 1, 1913						53										
***Permanent Deaconess Fund		12,768 38														
Totals		1,571,117 53	134,055 20	56,500 00	320	77	11	136	113	294,694	3,377	1709	32,133	93,273	349,209 95	214,821 75
DEACONESS STATIONS.																
‖Albuquerque, N. M					1					2,085				448	400 00	400 00
‖Altoona, Pa					1					2,050		1	205		400 00	400 00
¶‖Anita, Ia					1					585					149 98	149 98
‖Ashland, Ky					1					1,162		17		152	299 97	299 97
Burlingtou, Ia					1					1,223					384 00	384 00
dBurlington, Vt																
¶‖Boise City, Idaho															299 97	299 97
‡Bristol, Ct					1											
‡Brooklyn, N. Y					3											
‖Chanute, Kans					1					1,605		2			400 00	400 00
‖Des Moines, Ia					1					1,188					400 00	400 00
‖East St. Louis, Ill					2					2,482		13		1,987	800 00	800 00
‖Fredoria, Kans					1					1,250		1		300	400 00	400 00
¶‖Gary, Ind						1				800					299 97	299 97
‖Hamilton, Kans					1					1,578				154	400 00	400 00
‖Hurley, Wis					1					245				179	400 00	400 00
‖Kansas Conference					1					1,000		1		89	400 00	400 00
‖Kokomo, Ind					1					1,328		20		490	400 00	400 00
Mount Carmel, Pa					1					1,390			268		716 00	716 00
‖Manhattan, Kans						1				950					400 00	400 00
eMonrovia, Cal					1											
b‖Olive Hill, Ky					1					380			720		166 65	166 65
‖Oil City, Pa					1					700		1		99	400 00	400 00
eOntario, Cal					1											
aOakland, Cal					3											

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† Under the auspices of the Maine Conference Deaconess Home. *** Reported July, 1 1913. Several deaconesses are being cared for by this Fund.
‖ Receipts and expenses approximated. ‡ Reported with Brooklyn Deaconess Home. ¶ Four and one-half months' work. ⸗ Nine months' work.
a Reported with San Francisco Deaconess Home. b Five months' work. d Reported with E. W. Griffin Deaconess Home. e Reported with Southern California Conference Deaconess Home.

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DEACONESS INSTITUTIONS.—Continued.	Year of Establishment	Value of Property and Endowment	Debt	Value of Property Loaned	Licensed Deaconesses	Unlicensed Deaconesses & Probationers	Stations	Students taking Nurse Training	Students taking Bible Training	Calls of all kinds made	No. of Sick Nursed in Hospitals	No. of Sick Nursed in Homes	Aggregate No. of Children Taught in Industrial Homes	Aggregate No. of Children Taught in Sunday Schools	Receipts from all Sources	Current Expenses for Fiscal Year
‖Ridgeway, Pa	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,165	.....	.....	.....	218	400 00	400 00
*a*Richmond, Cal	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‖South Kansas Conference	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,591	.....	.....	.....	206	400 00	400 00
*c*San Diego, Cal	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‖Syracuse, N. Y	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	400 00	400 00
‖St. Joseph, Mo	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,146	.....	.....	.....	.....	400 00	400 00
*c*St. Louis, Mo	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‖Salina, Kans	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,004	.....	6	.....	873	1,200 00	1,200 00
*c*Pasadena, Cal	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*c*Long Beach, Cal	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*a*Vallejo, Cal	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*a*Watsonville, Cal	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‖West Nebraska Conference	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	650	.....	.....	.....	70	400 00	400 00
‖Washington, Ia	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,434	.....	.....	.....	.....	400 00	400 00
‖Waterloo, Ia	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,101	.....	.....	.....	.....	400 00	400 00
*c*York, Neb	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*c*Lincoln, Neb	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*c*Marshall, Tex	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	2	.....	.....	.....	37,292	.....	62	1,193	5,265	11,516 54	11,516 54
Grand Totals	.....	$1,571,117 53	$134,055 20	$56,500 00	366	79	11	136	113	331,986	3,377	1771	110,987	98,538	$360,726 49	226,338 29

‖ Receipts and expenses approximated. *a* Reported with San Francisco Deaconess Home. *c* No report received. *e* Reported with Southern California Conference Deaconess Home.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF DEACONESS INSTITUTIONS.

* For Rest Homes only one-half of receipts, disbursements, and balances are reported, with the exception of Wing Rest Home, which is deaconess property.

† Report dated from Apr. 1, to Apr. 1 this year, thus causing discrepancy in "Balance in Treasury Last Report."

‡ Balance in Treasury incorrectly reported last year.

‖ Last year we deducted at our offices $272.71, value of supplies, which should not have been done, as this amount was not included in the financial report. This causes the discrepancy in the balance this year.

§ Financial year closed Mar. 29, which has caused a discrepancy in balance in Treasury last year.

¶ Accepted by the Society after July 1, 1912.

° No report received.

Aldrich Memorial:		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	$1,295 12	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	4,285 11	
	5,580 23	
Disbursements	3,665 27	
Balance, 1913		1,914 96
°*Anthracite Mission:*		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	....	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	....	
Disbursements	....	
Balance, 1913		....
Baltimore:		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	$1,026 24	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	5,290 07	
	6,316 31	
Disbursements	5,067 99	
Balance, 1913		1,248 32
**Bancroft Rest Home:*		
°Receipts—Balance, 1912	....	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	....	
Disbursements	....	
Balance, 1913		....
Beth-El Hospital:		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	$3,525 39	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	33,107 84	
	36,633 23	
Disbursements	38,020 60	
Deficit, 1913		1,387 37

Bidwell:		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	$8 54	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	6,958 96	
	6,96750	
Disbursements	6,956 64	
Balance, 1913		10 86
Binghamton:		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	2,138 80	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	2,055 88	
	4,194 68	
Disbursements	4,112 36	
Balance, 1913		82 32
‡*Brooklyn:*		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	$294 85	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	5,582 42	
	5,877 27	
Disbursements	4,647 27	
Balance, 1913		1,230 00
Cleveland:		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	$2,855 52	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	21,771 11	
	24,626 63	
Disbursements	24,617 19	
Balance, 1913		9 44
Cunningham Children's Home:		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	$257 87	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	8,721 81	
	8,979 68	
Disbursements	8,293 46	
Balance, 1913		686 22
Davis:		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	$4 50	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	1,651 99	
	1,656 49	
Disbursements	1,586 42	
Balance, 1913		70 07

Detroit:

Receipts—Deficit, 1912	$653 00	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	6,487 00	
	5,834 00	
Disbursements	6,465 00	
Deficit, 1913		631 00

Duluth:

Receipts—Balance, 1912	$2 21	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	2,778 38	
	2,780 59	
Disbursements	2,775 71	
Balance, 1913		4 88

†*Dwight W. Blakeslee:*

Receipts—Balance, 1912	$243 74	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	2,886 46	
	3,130 20	
Disbursements	2,967 70	
Balance, 1913		162 50

Ellen A. Burge Deaconess Hospital:

Receipts—Balance, 1912	120 27	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	10,006 10	
	10,126 37	
Disbursements	9,823 27	
Balance, 1913		303 10

**Elvira Olney Rest Home:*

°Receipts—Balance, 1912	....	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	....	
	....	
Disbursements	....	
Balance, 1913		....

E. W. Griffin:

Receipts—Balance, 1912	$46 48	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	3,143 06	
	3,189 54	
Disbursements	2,766 03	
Balance, 1913		423 51

‡*Genesee Conference:*

Receipts—Balance, 1912	$9,390 53	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	14,760 85	
	24,151 38	
Disbursements	13,754 50	
Balance, 1913		10,396 88

Graham Protestant Hospital:

Receipts—Balance, 1912	$123 24	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	15,040 99	
	15,164 23	
Disbursements	13,446 76	
Balance, 1913		1,717 47

‡*Holloway:*

Receipts—Balance, 1912	$194 22	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	3,466 60	
	3,660 82	
Disbursements	3,321 98	
Balance, 1913		338 84

§*Irene Maitland:*

Receipts—Balance, 1912	$24 34	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	1,306 97	
	1,331 31	
Disbursements	1,297 22	
Balance, 1913		34 09

Jersey City:

Receipts—Balance, 1912	$202 62	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	2,227 38	
	2,430 00	
Disbursements	2,354 92	
Balance, 1913		75 08

Kansas City National Training School:

Receipts—Balance, 1912	$116 42	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	11,363 98	
	11,480 40	
Disbursements	11,406 92	
Balance, 1913		73 48

Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School:

Receipts—Balance, 1912	$5,293 46	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources (Annuity for $2,700 included)	68,252 25	
	73,545 71	
Disbursements	71,013 00	
Balance, 1913		2,532 71

McKelvey:

Receipts—Balance, 1912	$468 89	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	3,627 01	
	4,095 90	
Disbursements	3,754 22	
Balance, 1913		341 68

Maine Conference:

Receipts—Balance, 1912	$17 62	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	2,158 90	
	2,176 52	
Disbursements	2,169 65	
Balance, 1913		6 87

Margaret Evans:

Receipts—Balance, 1912	$333 92	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	5,531 32	
	5,865 24	
Disbursements	5,701 73	
Balance, 1913		163 51

Minnesota Conference:

Receipts—Balance, 1912	$244 67	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	4,010 48	
	4,255 15	
Disbursements	3,903 24	
Balance, 1913		351 91

Newark:

Receipts—Balance, 1912	$388 65	
Auxiliaries W H. M. S. and other sources..	2,575 73	
	2,964 38	
Disbursements	2,550 36	
Balance, 1913		414 02

Philadelphia:		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	$920 39	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	15,300 70	
	16,221 09	
Disbursements	16,544 86	
Deficit, 1913		323 77
Pittsburgh:		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	$541 29	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	5,113 43	
	5,654 72	
Disbursements	4,918 61	
Balance, 1913		736 11
San Francisco National Training School:		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	$841 83	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	8,727 30	
	9,569 13	
Disbursements	8,575 51	
Balance, 1913		993 62
Shesler:		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	$179 73	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	4,825 37	
	5,005 10	
Disbursements	5,157 63	
Deficit, 1913		152 53
Southern California Conference:		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	$490 98	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	5,301 41	
	5,792 39	
Disbursements	5,502 47	
Balance, 1913		289 92
Southwest Kansas Conference:		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	$1,064 89	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	2,068 44	
	3,133 33	
Disbursements	2,384 43	
Balance, 1913		748 90

‡*Stone Settlement:*

Receipts—Balance, 1912	$12 92	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	1,916 66	
	1,929 58	
Disbursements	1,715 00	
Balance, 1913		214 58

**Thompson Rest Home:*

°Receipts—Balance, 1912	....	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	....	
	....	
Disbursements	....	
Balance, 1913		....

Utica Italian Mission:

Receipts—Balance, 1912	$3,837 32	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	11,541 41	
	15,378 73	
Disbursements	15,148 96	
Balance, 1913		229 77

Vermont Conference:

Receipts—Balance, 1912	$144 73	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	1,617 76	
	1,762 49	
Disbursements	1,681 55	
Balance, 1913		80 94

Washington:

Receipts—Balance, 1912	$248 70	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	2,967 18	
	3,215 88	
Disbursements	3,044 32	
Balance, 1913		171 56

‖*Riddle Memorial:*

Receipts—Balance, 1912	$509 61	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	1,676 28	
	2,185 89	
Disbursements	2,119 33	
Balance, 1913		66 56

Harrisburg:		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	$45 53	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	708 20	
	753 73	
Disbursements	748 74	
Balance, 1913		4 99
**Wing Rest Home:*		
°Receipts—Balance, 1912	....	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	....	
	....	
Disbursements	....	
Balance, 1913		....
Harwood Hospital:		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	$4 46	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	2,550 93	
	2,555 39	
Disbursements	2,474 64	
Balance, 1913		80 75
¶*Methodist Deaconess Hospital:*		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	....	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	12,934 25	
	....	
Disbursements	13,137 82	
Deficit, 1913		203 57
Amee Home for Working Girls:		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	....	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	967 71	
Disbursements	967 25	
Balance, 1913		46
¶*Indianapolis Deaconess Home:*		
Receipts—Balance, 1912	$..... ..	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources..	2,421 60	
	....	
Disbursements	2,421 60	
Balance, 1913		
Total receipts of Deaconess Homes		$366,494 77

Brought forward		$366,494 77
Deficit—		
Beth-El Hospital	$1,387 37	
Detroit Deaconess Home	631 00	
Philadelphia Deaconess Home	323 77	
Shesler Deaconess Home	152 53	
Methodist Deaconess Hospital	203 57	
		2,698 24
		$369,193 01
Total Disbursements of Deaconess Homes		342,982 13
Balance in Treasuries		$26,210 88

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Reports of Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

ALABAMA.

The hope for a Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Alabama Conference has become a fact. We have now ten reporting Auxiliaries and ten Queen Esther Circles with invitations to organize two Auxiliaries and two Circles.

The first Conference Convention was held April 26th in the Rebecca McCleskey Home. The delegation was not large, but enthusiastic. The ladies from the other two Churches joined in the services and a large audience listened to the night program.

Two hundred and six dollars were gathered in the Conference up to December, and since then about $1,800 has been raised for the work connected with the school. The bequest which came from Miss Nottingham of Syracuse, New York, became a nest egg for a long desired Primary Training School building connected with the school at Boaz. The people gave $1,200 and Miss Fink raised $1,000 among her friends. For this sum of $3,200 a beautiful building, modern in every way, named "The Nottingham Primary Building," has been erected and they expect to raise $800 more for furnishing and heating the building.

This is the property of the Woman's Home Missionary Society on lots which Mr. John H. Smead and Mrs. Elder have reserved for this purpose through several years.

Friends have purchased a farm for the development of the industrial feature of the Home, whereby young men and boys wishing to work their way through school can be helped and the expenses of the Home can be reduced to the lowest possible figure. One hundred and fifty dollars worth of farm implements have already been donated to the farm. This is the beginning of what we hope will be an ample endowment for the Home.

The supplies sent to our ministers have been most thankfully received and have proved helpful. The Conference Secretary has made several trips to the different charges during the year sowing seed from which we hope for a reaping. We are expecting a rousing anniversary at Conference time, and hope for the presence of Mrs. Clara Dobson, who is to spend the winter with us.

Miss Ethel Harpst, who will attend Rust Hall this year, has done good work among the young people. The students who have been in the Home and Seminary are helping to push the work in the Conference.

Alabama is coming on with her dues, pledges, Mite Boxes, self-denial, and mission study.

The Conference President, Mrs. W. B. Smead, has done good work. Money to pay all pledges has been raised and we will assume more next year.

ANNA D. ELDER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ARIZONA MISSION.

While I have a feeling of regret as I think over the work of the past year, yet it is not a discouraged one, for I know that the Lord has been with us, and blessed us in our efforts, and in "due season we shall reap if we faint not." Increased interest and increased membership is reported from several Auxiliaries. One new Auxiliary has been organized. Our Industrial Home at Tucson has had the best year in its history. The Home has been supplied with bright, earnest, Christian teachers. A class of six graduated from the eighth grade, four of whom are planning to go to training schools to prepare for missionary work. We realize the need, and see the benefit of the School as never before.

Pray for us, dear Sisters, that we may not become weary and discouraged in our work, but that we may become more faithful and more trustful.

MRS. CARRY JOHNSON WRIGHT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ARKANSAS.

While there are only five Auxiliaries and two Queen Esther Circles in the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Arkansas Conference, yet we know that the Lord has won great victories with a few faithful followers. And the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Arkansas is no exception to that rule. Though few in number, they are a band of earnest Christian women, the kind that with God's help brings results.

There has been good work done the past year. Quite a number of pledges, scholarships, donations and supplies, besides a bequest of $370.32 from the estate of Mrs. Virginia Thomas, late of Siloam Springs, which was turned into the General Treasury.

Until the Annual Meeting in January the Society will be weakened by the removal of its President to Kansas City, the Corresponding Secretary to Kansas, and also the removal of the Secretary of Young People's Work.

We trust that Arkansas may have a National Organizer to go through the Conference until every Methodist Episcopal Church may have a Woman's Home Missionary Society Auxiliary.

MRS. H. T. GROVES, *Conference Corresponding Secretary.*

ATLANTA.

The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Atlanta Conference reports a deepening interest in the work of the Society. There have been several new Auxiliaries added during the year; still there is large territory yet to be possessed, and as our district officers continue to work we anticipate large returns.

Miss Bessie Garrison, General Organizer, spent some time in this Conference during the year. The work of the Society was presented at all the District Conferences. The annual meeting is to be held at College Park, October 30th to November 2d.

The Conference is sending their President, Mrs. E. H. Oliver, as their delegate to the National Meeting, to be held in Washington, D. C., October 16th to 23d. The Central Avenue Church is sending their pastor's wife, Mrs. L. H. King.

During the year Thayer Home has entertained Mrs. K. S. Burnett, Bureau Secretary, Miss Henrietta Bancroft, Mrs. F. A. Aiken.

Miss Carrie Barge, as Secretary of Young People's Work, spent several days with us in early spring, and spoke at Central Avenue Sunday night.

Miss Anna E. Hall, who is home on a furlough after six and one-half years' work in Africa, the last five years at Guernsey Mission, at Cape Palmas, Liberia, West Africa, expects to be present at this National Meeting.

During the year among the visitors at Thayer Home have been Mrs. K. S. Bennett, Bureau Secretary; Mrs. Henrietta Bancroft, and Mrs. F. A. Aiken. Miss Carrie Barge, Secretary of Young People's Work, was here in the spring and spoke at Central Avenue Church.

In April, Mrs. J. A. Richie, President of Gainsville District, who rendered such excellent service last year, suddenly, after only a few hours' illness, was called from labor to reward.

Mrs. Trevor, wife of Dr. George H. Trevor, of Gammon Theological Seminary, has always felt a keen sympathy for her husband's work, is President of this University Auxiliary and active in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. While returning home from a visit to her son, living in California, she was taken ill, and they stopped at San Francisco, hoping she would soon be able to continue her journey. After all that love and skill could do, she went to her eternal home. "She rests from her labors, and her works do follow her."

FLORA MITCHELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

BALTIMORE.

We come with rejoicing, bringing our sheaves to present to you the annual report of the year's work in the Baltimore Conference. It has been marked with success along many lines of service.

Twenty Auxiliaries and six Queen Esther Circles have been organized. Many of them give great promise for the future. We have made an advance in the "Concert Study" in the societies. A large proportion are following the regular monthly program. This has led to an increase in the subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* and increased intelligence about the many fields of our Society.

The Young People's Work is a great and growing factor, for which we are thankful; for, are not these young women to be our successors?

The Deaconess Homes at Baltimore, Martinsburg, and Washington are giving fine service.

Our work was most ably presented at Emory and Washington Grove Camp-meeting.

We are interested in and contributing to the general work of the Society in Alaska and Porto Rico.

The future never looked brighter, and we are going forward "In His Name."

MRS. CLARA L. ROACH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

BLACK HILLS MISSION.

"The Lord is our refuge and strength" always and ever in this beautiful country, where God is so lavish in His gifts of gold and sunshine.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society has played no small part in the building up and maintaining of high standards in the Black Hills

Mission, as well as contributing to the material comfort and welfare of a host of ministers and many of their parishioners. The work of our Supply Secretary, Mrs. H. T. Case, during the past year has been especially gratifying and helpful. Our Hospital at Rapid City has claimed a large share of our attention and support. Ten thousand dollars were raised in ten days during the past year for this institution, and though still in debt, we are very hopeful of ultimately owning the Hospital without incumbrance. It is doing a much needed and beneficent work for a large territory.

Mrs. D. B. Street graced our Conference with her presence, and greatly endeared herself to all. She and Mrs. C. B. Clark made the addresses at our anniversary meeting. We feel that the Woman's Home Missionary Society has a fine footing in South Dakota, in spite of the drouth and continued failure of crops.

Two of our girls from Spearfish graduated this year at the Des Moines Training School. The Black Hills Mission expects much from these girls.

We are grateful to our Father for our victories, and humbly beseech His continued favor and mercy.

Mrs. Ella B. Dolliver, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CALIFORNIA.

Once more we close the year's books and take an inventory of the work done in our corner of this great establishment of the Woman's Home Missionary Society with its various departments reaching to every part of our wonderful land.

Our Heavenly Father alone knows the real value, and what will be the result of this year's service—the self-denial, the prayers, the devotion, the consecration, the hours spent, the miles traveled, the money given—by our faithful and courageous women in order that Christ's Kingdom may be advanced on this Western shore.

Everything is hopeful: we *will not* be discouraged, but are pressing forward to meet the ever-increasing responsibilities that await us.

The Deaconess Training School has had another successful year, and graduated a fine class of ten enthusiastic new workers, while the eight Deaconesses employed in the city of San Francisco have been untiring in their labors of love as they, like the Master, "went about doing good."

The Chinese Bureau, with its fine new building and equipment, can now greatly enlarge its sphere of usefulness (see Report); and the Japanese Bureau has also been enabled to reach more families and extend its work in more definite lines. (See Report.)

The Immigration Work at Angel Island has been so satisfactory that one day an officer said to Miss Maurer, "O, we consider you one of the staff and an employee of the Government, only you are not on our pay roll." Our position there is really most important.

It is a significant fact, and means much for our Society that this year we have been able once more to place a *Deaconess* on the Travelers' Aid force at the ferry, under the management of the Young Woman's Christian Association.

The Beulah Rest Home has been wonderfully improved by papering, painting, etc., and when that water supply is adjusted the property will be in good condition and soon become self-supporting.

Through the plea of Rev. Rideman, the Conference Missionary to the

Indians, our women were aroused, and each district has done more for them this year.

We are hoping that the new plans of our Government toward the Indian problem will very materially help us in California.

The Sustentation Fund always appeals to the hearts of our people, and the response has been most encouraging.

Self-denial Week proved a great comfort, not only by increasing the finances, but by promoting the knowledge and devotion of the Auxiliary women themselves. All this education has brought an increase in the Mite-boxes, as well as nearly doubling the amount of supplies sent out. The Secretary of Supplies may have to have an assistant if her work continues to increase at the present rate. We greatly rejoice at the amount of literature that has been distributed this year throughout our Conference. It is sure to bring results.

Mrs. P. H. Bodkin, of Los Angeles, was with us a few weeks and did good work, greatly strengthening the Auxiliaries, besides organizing in several places and helping to raise the Sustentation and Thank-offering. Miss Leigh was an inspiration to the Young People in the few meetings we were privileged to have her, on her way to Oregon Conference. One of the graduates this year of our own Training School (Miss Anna Van Dam) plans to enter the field work if she is needed and the Lord opens the way.

Our Young People need leaders—O, so much!—in all the districts. We pray especially this coming year for consecrated workers in that department. The Day of Prayer was a benediction to all in its observance at the new Chinese Home. Our district meetings were very successful: more in attendance, more enthusiasm, more zeal; they are better organized and better equipped than ever before. At each District Meeting a Jewel Life-member was secured; also at Fortuna we have one Junior Life-member, through the payment of ten dollars.

We have five new Auxiliaries, besides one renewed and one reorganized. We are striving for a Conference membership of two thousand, and expect to attain it in the near future; also a subscription list to *Woman's Home Missions* of eight hundred, and to the children's paper of five hundred. Our pledges are all met. and with thankful hearts we enter upon the obligations of a new year.

Mrs. E. R. Willis, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

Twenty-four years ago the Conference Society of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was organized at the session of the Central Illinois Conference held in Galesburg. In this same city, at the recent session of the Conference, Mrs. H. D. Ketcham gave the anniversary address.

For the year ending 1900, $142.45 was paid into the treasury. The total amount of money raised the year just closed is $5,616. This came from 105 organizations, as against three in 1900.

The societies have helped ten Homes in Special Work; have given Student Aid support to girls in twenty different Homes and schools.

Our Conference meeting was held in Watseka, in November, in the beautiful new church. The women were untiring in their efforts to make this meeting a success. Mrs. Anna D. Elder and Miss Greta Leigh were present, and helped both by their addresses and suggestions. Miss Barge was present in the District Conventions in April. Miss Barge is always

welcomed by the women, whether she comes to us as a convention worker or as a speaker in our Churches and Auxiliaries.

We have made a small gain in number of societies and membership. Several local demands in the Conference have taken the attention of the people to local affairs. We are, however, hopeful for the work, and believe the coming year will bring new interest and growth.

MRS. O. T. DWINELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL NEW YORK.

The work of the past year has been very gratifying in many respects. Having pledged heavily at the Annual Meeting in Des Moines, we tried to secure the co-operation of every Auxiliary member in order to meet these obligations. We are privileged to report every pledge met and money sent to the General Treasurer in excess of our obligation; all this is largely due to the loyalty and increased interest of the women of Central New York Conference.

At our Conference meeting we were highly favored in hearing the stirring address of Miss Bertha Fowler, and greatly aided by her timely advice and encouragement.

Miss Greeta Leigh gave more than a month's excellent service in our Conference, visiting the different District Meetings, addressing Sunday audiences, Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues, and Auxiliaries.

The Rev. Mr. Baldwin also presented his work in Alaska at various places in the Conference, and received substantial aid to further his work at Nome.

Home Mission Week was quite generally observed throughout the Conference.

We are earnestly striving to have our Conference a well informed one, urging the members to read *Woman's Home Missions,* the "Blue Book" (our Conference year-book), and the reading prescribed for the year.

MRS. E. M. MILLS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL OHIO.

The record of the past year's work seems but an echo of those preceding it. We know, from the careful examination of the various reports received through the District Secretaries, the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society has a larger place in the hearts of the people in Northwestern Ohio than any previous year. We had hoped to make this the banner year in a marked increase in new members. But alas! our desires were not realized, as our gain has been largely in the replacing of the members lost by removals and the translations to our Father's home over yonder. We are proud of the record we have made in a financial gain the past year. The Church caught a new vision of the conditions as depicted in the Interdenominational Home Mission Campaign last November, from the pulpit, press, and the voices of many of our earnest workers in the Woman's Home Missionary Society, such as to arouse them to active work in both interest and giving to enlarge the work.

Miss Rena P. Waltz, Field Secretary in the Young People's Department, spent several months in the Conference, assisting in the District Meetings, giving the evening addresses and speaking on our text-book. She also gave us admirable services with the Young People, building

stronger Young Women's organizations, and in the launching of several new Circles.

Thank-offering addresses have been given; District Conferences attended by some of the officers, and the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society presented wherever we were given an opportunity to speak for God and our native land.

Our last General Conference made possible the merging of Cincinnati and Central Ohio Conferences. Both the Annual Conferences of 1912 by a large majority vote carried the proposition to merge into one Conference for future work, with a Committee of five from each Conference to recommend the necessary changes in the joining of forces and to choose a name. The work of the Committee has been completed and from September, 1913, we shall be known as the West Ohio Conference. This necessitated a merged Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Cincinnati and Central Ohio Conferences. The joint meeting was held June 24th to 26th, in Xenia, Ohio, in Trinity Church. The meeting was full of interest and well attended considering the long distances some must travel to be present.

Dr. Frederick H. Wright, Superintendent of Italian Missions, Ridgewood, N. J., and Rev. D. H. Brown, of Kentucky, gave the evening addresses.

This report closes the history of the work done by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Central Ohio Conference. Another year will open a new chapter in the history-making of the West Ohio Conference.

Some one has so beautifully said: "The passion of love for Christ stimulated by everything we read or hear, quickened by the Spirit in our hearts, is the power that is to loosen amassed wealth and make it fluent; that is, to vitalize dead wealth and make it active; that is, to enter into every languid heart and inspire it for service." We crave for this new and greater Conference this passion of love.

Mrs. D. M Bailey, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

Carlisle's saying, "The world is in a desperate hurry: woe to the man who stops to tie his shoestring," seems to apply to the work in Central Pennsylvania.

If we dared to rest on our oars but for a time, we would needs make desperate efforts to again get abreast of the tide!

Opportunities are on every hand and we marvel sometimes that busy homekeepers have been able to accomplish so much.

The increase of 500 paid members in Auxiliaries, Circles and Bands attests to the faithful services of Conference and District Officers.

Two new District Secretaries were welcomed to our ranks this year, Mrs. W. Lee Woodcock, of Altoona, and Mrs. O. M. Keefer of Williamsport Districts. The Altoona Societies have assumed the support of the deaconess at the Italian Mission, and the District has added three new scholarships to the General Fund.

Williamsport District has the largest number of Societies. There is no local Missionary Station within this District, but these Societies nobly sustain both Conference and General Work, and contributed the largest amount to the self-denial fund.

Harrisburg District, Mrs. J. S. Burk, Secretary, is the banner District in membership and contributions.

"There is not a childless Auxiliary on the District," and the Societies of Harrisburg have the entire care of the Deaconess Home.

Juniata District, Mrs. A. S. Luring, Corresponding Secretary, has the largest per cent of increase in membership for the year.

Danville District, in which are located the Mt. Carmel Mission and the Anthracite Slavonic Mission Home, is organized along all lines, under the leadership of Mrs. E. R. Hickman, Corresponding Secretary.

Among other splendid efforts, from their two camp meetings Mrs. Heckman secured funds for two new sewing machines for the Home.

The prolonged illness of Miss Louise Hunt, the efficient Conference Secretary of Young People's Work, has delayed the accomplishment of many well laid plans for the advancement of that Department. Still Miss Hunt and her girls have done well, and two more Life Members were added this year.

An increase of $200 in cash supplies over the *good* reports of other years, is due to the splendid work of Mrs. Geo. Leidy, Conference Secretary.

Attractive presentation of literature at Conference and District Conventions by Mrs. J. E. Skillington and her District Secretaries has increased the interest in that Department.

Three of the graduates from the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School were Central Pennsylvania students, and five consecrated young women will enter the Training School this fall.

Miss Martha M. Tomkinson is Secretary of Deaconess Work and Mrs. A. L. Miller is Conference Manager of Training Schools.

Mite-box work is very popular. Miss Martha E. Staples, the Conference Secretary, urges these claims upon Auxiliaries, Circles, and Bands on all occasions.

Reading Circles and the Study Course, so necessary to the intelligent growth of all Societies, are on the increase through the heroic efforts of Mrs. E. R. Hickman.

The Temperance Department is advancing under the care of Mrs. B. F. Pheneger.

Systematic Beneficience and Evangelistic Services are receiving attention from the Conference Beneficiary Secretary and the District Secretaries.

Mrs. J. E. Skillington and the newly-elected Conference President, and Mrs. E. F. Rowe, Recording Secretary, are bringing new ideas and plans to us for the betterment of the work.

Miss Sarah J. Richardson, our Treasurer for sixteen years, finds her work has more than doubled in the last five years.

Mrs. Y. L. Tompkinson, our President emeritus, is still our adviser in things intellectual, legal and spiritual.

Home Mission Week was observed and, together with the Day of Prayer and Week of Self-denial, proved a blessing to the Conference in many ways. Our Self-denial Fund was about $500. Miss Elizabeth Davis, Superintendent of McCrum Training School, and Mrs. David Dailey, Jr., were the speakers at our Conference Convention.

Dr. Benj. S. Haywood, Miss Davis, Mrs. C. C. McLean, the Conference President, and Corresponding Secretaries were the speakers at the District Spring Conventions.

Fall Rallies were held, with Mrs. Josephine Corbin to inspire to new efforts and desires. Miss Corbin spent five weeks in our Conference organizing new Societies and increasing membership.

The faithful work of our Deaconesses will be given elsewhere.

The advance at our Anthracite Slavonic Mission Home has tested our utmost capabilities.

A much needed Dispensary Department has been added, but the Kindergarten must be delayed for a few months, as the rooms are still being used for all services, owing to some complications in beginning the new Slavonic Church of Hazelton, Pa.

Miss Trescott and her assistants are doing a beautiful work in this region.

For the purchase of the Home the Conference Societies contributed $1,500 during the present year, but we were handicapped greatly in not receiving the $1,000 pledged to this Building Fund by the General Society at Des Moines.

The Berwick Auxiliary has placed a Missionary at West Berwick, a part of the Anthracite Mission. The missionary, a Slavoc young woman, was for four years assistant to Miss Trescott.

Central Pennsylvania Conference is awake to her many opportunities and great responsibilities in helping to win America for Christ, for we have, as was said after the coronation of Saul, "A Band whose hearts God has touched."

MRS. BYRON E. STAPLES, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CHICAGO GERMAN.

Throughout the year the work in the Chicago German Conference has been gradually progressing. The various undertakings in the different fields have been successful, due to the fact that tthe leading workers in the different Branches have made special efforts in performing their duties. We want to express our thanks to our Heavenly Father for these conditions, He having daily led us on through all the problems in our work. One thing is especially noticeable, and that is the added interest shown by one and all. We are beginning to see the immense field open before us.

As there are three districts in the Chicago German Conference, we have a large area to cover, an enormous army of willing workers, and on the other side a dark forest of human souls to be won and brought under the fold of our Master. All three Districts have been hard at work. New Auxiliaries have been organized in the younger Districts. Chicago District.—In addition to the one hundred and eighty members previously listed, there are fifty-six new members in Auxiliaries, the Queen Esthers ninety-two, in the Home Guards there is a total of ninety-seven members, of which thirty are new, making a total of one hundred and eleven new members in the three departments. Milwaukee District—Forty nine new members in the Auxiliaries, twenty-two for the Queen Esthers, making a total of seventy-one new members. As yet there has not been a report sent in from the Appleton District, although we know they are at work. For the new material in the Milwaukee and Appleton Districts we give Miss Engel, our Field Worker, much credit, and the advancement in the Chicago District is due to the individual and combined co-operation of the Auxiliaries.

The work among the Young People has advanced with the addition of the added interest taken in the children.

At this year's Convention of the Chicago District, which convened in the First German Methodist Episcopal Church of Chicago, many topics were presented and developed with unusual care. The speakers were those intensely interested in the cause. The musical talent expressed

during the different sessions added very much to the success of the Convention.

There has been an increase in the number of subscriptions for the *Woman's Home Missions* and the *Children's Home Missions.*

At our next annual meeting of the Chicago Conference, which will be held on the second Tuesday of November, the officers for the new year will be elected.

We thank our Heavenly Leader for His holy power manifested throughout the past year, through which we were able to accomplish what we have, and upon which we base our strongest assurance that the coming year will be one of unusual accomplishments and success. Let us all express our desire for the further development of the cause by doing all to the uttermost in our renewed undertakings.

MRS. R. D. SCHLUNG, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CINCINNATI.

The year 1912-13 has been a good year in the Cincinnati Conference. An increase in membership, in Auxiliaries, and Circles; new interest in the work of the children, and a good financial report, promises well for the work of the coming year.

The reports of the Department Secretaries are encouraging. Several new Auxiliaries have been organized, and old ones have been inspired to greater effort. The Young People's Secretary reports an advance, while the Children's Work is growing steadily.

The small gain in the subscriptions to the Magazines is a disappointment, but the Secretary of Literature notes a substantial gain in sales of text-books and leaflets.

With this report the books of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Cincinnati Conference are closed. While we rejoice in the work done and are thankful for what God has enabled us to do we grieve that we have not done more. As we assume the new name may we be baptized anew with the Spirit of the Master—the Spirit of Self-sacrifice—that we may give ourselves without reserve to His service.

MRS. C. F. THIRKIELD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

COLORADO.

The year has been one of blessing in connection with our deaconess work; the devoted consecrated workers have gone forth from our Deaconess Home in labors that have called for special sacrifice of self, but the work has not been in vain. One went into a mountain region where no one was at work to represent the Christ, and organized a number of Sabbath schools and conducted religious services of various forms, and this year the satisfaction was hers, of seeing at Annual Conference, a pastor sent to take the newly formed charge, truly she served as a pioneer.

Denver Methodism rejoiced this summer on the occasion of the dedication of a fine new Church to be known as the Italian Methodist Church, located in the heart of the Italian settlement. No one was more happy in the fact than the deaconess who had first undertaken to do for a people who were being utterly neglected by the Church, when she undertook, three years ago, to help them. Three years of closest endeavor, the coming to the rescue by the Home Mission and Church

Extension Society, an Italian pastor from Boston and now a Church membership of one hundred and fifty and a fine edifice, "How far a little candle throws its beams!"

Besides the regular parish work and assistance in City Mission work of other deaconesses, one has done most effectual service at the County Hospital.

The past year has been made notable in our Conference by the establishment of a new work in a most needy section of our city.

It is known as the Deaconess Settlement, and was opened with but five Sunday school pupils; but now a school of about seventy-five is maintained and a Cradle Roll has attained to twenty-five little ones. All sorts of clubs and classes are at work for the boys and girls and an effort to reach the women, through the Mother's Club, has been quite successful. Two regular workers have lived at the settlement.

Beth-el Hospital at Colorado Springs has had a year of growth and is more firmly established in every way.

All in all, it has been a good year in Colorado Conference, the membership has increased somewhat; and the knowledge of the work and the spiritual devotion of the members has been decidedly advanced.

LAURA B. ENNIS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

COLUMBIA RIVER.

Our fourth Conference Convention was held in Spokane, Wash., September 9th-10th, with a larger attendance than ever before.

Reports from all the different departments were very gratifying and showed the deep interest taken by the Officers and Auxiliaries. We have raised in cash and supplies $2,009.21.

Last April Miss Alice Hawthorne of Tacoma, Wash., came into our Conference and did a splendid work. Our only regret was that she could only stay thirty days, when we should liked to have had her for sixty. Four Auxiliaries, one Queen Esther Circle, and one Reading Circle were organized. In this manner 78 Auxiliary members, 31 Queen Esthers, and 5 Reading Circle members were added.

District Meetings were held in three of the Districts. Miss Hawthorne was in attendance at the Spokane and Couer-de-Alene Meetings.

The Day of Prayer and Self-Denial week were very generally observed by all our Auxiliaries. One Auxiliary, with a membership of seventeen, reported $23 as the result of their Self-denial offering.

Our Annual Conference Anniversary was a splendid occasion. Mrs. Cotton Mather gave the Address, which was interesting and timely.

As a Conference we pledge our consecrated service to every department of the Home Missionary Work. We take up the duties of the coming year with a saddened heart, but with faith, trusting that He who has been our Stronghold in the past will be our Guide in the future.

"We know not what the path may be,
By us, as yet, untrod:
But we can trust our all to Thee,
Our Father and our God."

NINA G. BLAKE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

DAKOTA.

We are gratified to report that the past year has been one of advancement and victory in our Woman's Home Missionary Society work. Our ambitions in the beginning of the year have not all been realized, but some substantial progress has been made as the following facts will indicate. The number of Auxiliaries this year has been doubled; the membership and pledges have been more than doubled. We now have five Queen Esther Circles and one Home Guard Band.

Much credit for this splendid showing is due Miss Cartes Swartz, who spent the months of January and February in our Conference. Her presence and counsel were a great benediction to our work. We are glad to report a much greater interest in our work on the part of the pastors and Churches of the Conference, and we entertain high expectations of much greater progress in the work during the coming year.

MRS. LULU L. SHEPHERD, *Conference Corresponding Secretary.*

DELAWARE.

We are glad to report that the one step forward which we took last year has resulted in a march to success in our Endeavor.

Our Auxiliaries responded beautifully to the appeal for scholarship fund for our girl in Thayer Home, and the record which she made at the school proved to be an inspiration to them, not only to renew that pledge but to assume another to help in the erection of one of the other Homes in that Bureau. We have had with us in our public meetings some of the most capable representatives of the General Work.

At our Annual Meeting held in the city of Wilmington, Del., we were visited by several ladies of the Wilmington Conference, who addressed our meeting.

The demonstrations which we have used for several years as a part of our Annual Meeting programs are a great means of instruction and inspiration, as they show in a forceful way the methods and results of the work of our Society. The Sustentation Bureau meets our hearty approval as we have been doing something along the line (for superannuates) ever since we were first organized.

Perhaps that is why we have not sustained as favorable a comparison along some other lines.

Our hearts were thrilled to a deeper consecration in the Master's service by having one of our promising young women come forward and express herself as being called to take training for Deaconess Work. This young woman, Miss Irene Haden, wrote a paper for our Epworth League and Sunday School Convention which enthused the whole Assembly. She is highly recommended as a model Christian by her pastor, Rev. J. C. Dunn, of St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church, Orange, N. J.

With a consciousness of our responsibility for the salvation of another, we press toward the mark of our high calling which is in Christ Jesus the Lord.

CLARA ELBERT BROWN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

DES MOINES.

One of the most unsatisfactory things we try to do during the year is to report the work of our four thousand earnest women, young people and children in the short space allotted to us.

The first event of the year was the Annual Meeting at Indianola.

Our Recording Secretary, Mrs. B. O. Gammon, fittingly said of this meeting: "A spirit of eagerness to hear the messages, of willingness to put forth greater effort, a spirit of prayer and consecration marked each session." Miss Greeta Leigh was our National Worker and rendered very efficient service.

We put special emphasis on the six District Meetings in April. This year they were the best we ever held. Their success was due to the capable District Officers.

Mrs. C. L. Weaver delighted the women, and she has a standing invitation to come into Des Moines Conference to work whenever she has any dates not taken. She also gave the principal address at our splendid Conference Anniversary at Mt. Ayr in September. Mrs. George W. Keen of Bennett Home attended all the District Meetings and secured pledges of $2,000 for the boys' dormitory at Mathison, Miss. This was made possible by the pledge of $1,000 from Dr. and Mrs. I. C. Wood. Mrs. Wood is a life member of our Society. A friend of the Marion St. Boone Auxiliary gave $300 and the Conference named a $500 room in El Paso for this Auxiliary. A bequest to the Dexter Auxiliary by Mary Price was given to Browning and will name a room in her memory. Mrs. Amelia Dunkelbarger gave in a bequest $50 to our Deaconess Home.

Dr. Woodcock will report our splendid growth in the work of Bidwell Deaconess Home and Iowa Bible Training School and our settlement work.

Our Italian work has been very encouraging and is rapidly growing and needs more room and better equipments.

Three new departments were added to our Conference and have very able representatives. Mrs. C. C. Crowell, Training School and Deaconess Home; Mrs. Lowell Chamberlain, Italian Work; and Mrs. Etna Doop-Smith, Evangelism.

We have gained more than two hundred subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions,* and have also a gain in *Children's Home Missions.*

Our membership is increasing. More than $300 advance in amount of dues paid to treasurer. A wonderful year financially; counting our vouchers, our receipts were $17,432. This has given our capable Conference Treasurer, Mrs. F. H. Fitting, much work, but it is always done promptly and accurately.

The faces of many that are giving of themselves come before me—I wish I could mention them all. Mrs. Anna H. Woodcock and our Conference President, Mrs. H. S. Hollingsworth, both National Representatives, are of honor in their own country.

The work in many places depends upon the "one woman."

A traveler standing outside Cologne Cathedral expressed his admiration of its beauty. "Yes," said a laborer, "it's a fine building and took us many years to build it." "Took you! What had you to do with it?" "I mixed the mortar, sir!" The one that carries the mortar is as essential as the architect.

Mrs. A. E. Griffith, *Corresponding Secretary.*

DETROIT.

Another good year has closed, and we have only messages of cheer to bring. We have 125 Auxiliaries with a total of 4,390 members, a gain of 186 over last year. There are 1,670 girls enrolled in the eighty Queen Esther Circles within the bounds of our Conference. This is a gain of ten Circles during the year, and we are sure the time is not far dis-

tant when the number of Auxiliaries and Circles will be equal. The Children's Work has taken rapid strides forward, and our income has been materially helped by the gifts of the children.

We are happy to note a substantial increase in subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions.* One year ago we reported 1,486 subscribers to that splendid paper. To-day we have 1,727 subscriptions, a gain of 241. There has also been a gain in subscriptions to *Children's Home Missions,* and we are expecting that soon the time will come when that excellent little paper will be read and loved by all our children.

In our treasury the advance is even more noticeable, and our books show a total of $24,847, besides the very munificent annuity gift of $50,000 to Robinson Hall by our own Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Robinson. This gives us a grand total of $74,847.

We have received special gifts amounting to over $4,000, and of these $1,000 has been given to name a room in Robinson Hall, $100 to name a bed in Longwell Children's Ward in Robinson Hall, $750 to the new Bennett Home building fund, besides smaller amounts for doors, windows, etc., in many of our Homes.

The Minister's Loan Library, our distinctive work, has cost us over $700 this year, because of the almost complete change in the course of study made by the last General Conference. This library is kept up to date and the books are loaned to the young ministers free of charge, thus giving them the opportunity of completing their studies without the great expense of purchasing all the books needed. This, with the supplies, which this year total nearly $1,800, is an interesting part of our work, and one of which we are justly proud.

Our districts are, without exception, doing good work, in some instances under very great difficulties. One district, Saginaw Bay, has effected twelve new organizations this year, and has her plans well laid to carefully and wisely direct them, till they shall all become strong and prosperous, and not one be lost. Flint District has established an enviable record, having every Auxiliary and all but one Circle represented in person at the last District Meeting.

We have been helped very much by the good work done by Miss Rena Pearl Waltz and Miss Mary Van Woert. We are glad that we may sometimes have such faithful, self-sacrificing young women among us, and they will receive a cordial welcome whenever they can come this way again.

In the early summer our National President came to us, telling of the advance step the women of Michigan Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society had taken in assuming control and maintenance of the Deaconess Training School at Grand Rapids. She suggested that we join our sister Conference in the plan, thus making it a State Training School for deaconesses. We pledged our hearty co-operation and voted $500 from our funds to aid in renovating and better equipping the building.

Plans are making for the enlargement of the Tillman Avenue Settlement work, and for a forward movement in other departments, and, while this has been a blessed year, we are hoping for a larger interest, and that the time will soon come when all the women in Detroit Conference Methodism will ask, "Lord, what wilt Thou have *me* to do?"

Mrs. J. R. Waters, *Corresponding Secretary.*

EAST TENNESSEE.

At the close of the year I come with a heart full of love and gratitude to God for the success He has given us in the bounds of this the East Tennessee Conference. It is not so much what I have done, but the work of a faithful band of women, that has brought increase along all lines. Mrs. M. E. Johnson of the Chattanooga District has organized three Auxiliaries and one Queen Esther Circle. There have been five Auxiliaries, one Queen Esther Circle and one Mothers' Jewel Band organized on the Pulaski District, and five new Auxiliaries on the Knoxville District. This has been a year of seed sowing, from which we hope to reap a great harvest for the Master. Since our last annual meeting we have had an increase of thirteen Auxiliaries, two Queen Esther Circles, one Mothers' Jewel Band. Total number of Auxiliaries, 18. Total number of Auxiliary members, 213, an increase of 153. One hundred and fifty-five dollars has been paid into the Conference Treasury since this year. The East Tennessee Conference is moving steadily forward. We have now twenty-two subscribers to the *Woman's Home Missions.*

MRS. L. V. MARBURY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ERIE.

Encouragement and enthusiasm seem to be on the increase in Erie Conference, and God has been verifying His promise to us, that for our consecration and loyal service He will give the increase. We are glad to be able to report advance along all lines. And our Department Secretaries give us large encouragement in their various lines of work. The Secretary of Systematic Beneficience especially emphasizes the fact that each year more and more of God's people are paying Him His tenth.

The annual meetings of the districts have been well attended, and unusual interest manifested, as the delegates get a better understanding of the field, its needs, and the work.

In July our Annual Conference Meeting was held, and was a great success, it being the beginning of a change from two sessions to five. And it was decided also to publish a Conference Annual Report, which has since been done. Miss Carrie Barge was present, and delivered two stirring addresses, gaining friends not only for herself, but for our Society and its work. The $2,000 pledged for the naming of Erie Home was all paid last year, besides something like $700 more for naming rooms and windows in this Home. At this meeting $1,000 was pledged as a special Building fund to be equally divided between Bennett and Eliza Dee Homes.

We are sending one of our girls to the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School this year, and expect to start another one in February.

We have received during the year an annuity of $2,000 from Miss Mary Siggins, of this Conference, which has been placed in the building fund of Robinson Hall.

There has been a gain of ninety-nine new subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions,* and two Auxiliaries report one more subscriber to the paper than they number in membership.

Quite a number of our members have availed themselves of the privilege of attending Chautauqua during Home Mission Week, and of listening to the stirring addresses given by those who are foremost in the field, and the text-book as taught by Mrs. D. B. Wells, thereby gaining

information and inspiration which will make itself felt in our work this year.

The women of Erie Conference are looking forward with cheerfulness and encouragement to a year of advance and greatly increased usefulness in helping to make "Our country God's country."

MRS. R. A. PRESCOTT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

GENESEE.

"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

The age is greatly enamored of the things that are new; but there is a time for the emphasizing of the things that are old. We are laying hold of everything in the present day that may be used in advancing the Kingdom of God. But there is a peril in our depending too much on finance or organization or intellectuality and not enough on the Spirit of God as the only guarantee of ultimate success.

Nothing can take the place of the leadership of the Spirit of God, and the consecrated devotion of the people to that leadership. Loyalty to that leadership has been the keynote of all work accomplished in Genesee Conference. Fifty-two distinct stations of work under the Society have received pledges of love and recognition in their efforts to correct the failures in life, that have come by the pushing things out of proportion. All pledges were met and the interest has so fixed itself upon the members of our Auxiliaries that they are increasing their pledges for the ensuing year. Each District Meeting was a "feast of harvesting." Reports are most gratifying, and inspiration for greater activities.

Mrs. M. C. Bliss spent three consecutive weeks giving her lecture on Mormonism. The Auxiliaries and Young People's Work were greatly benefited by her sojourn with us.

In January the Buffalo District held a symposium of the work carried on by the Society. Bishop Burt was present, and Mrs. May C. Bliss won honor for herself by her address.

Mrs. May L. Woodruff gave her address "The Vision" at the District Meeting held in Rochester, and ingratiated herself in the hearts of many of her listeners.

The text-book of next year will be the theme of a course of lectures to be given under the auspices of the "Interdenominational Union," in October, by Mrs. Woodruff, in Rochester.

The work of the Conference Deaconess Home has been upon the usual lines, but with increased faith and courage, and have plans for the Orphanage, which will bring joy into the lives of the children entrusted to their care.

Miss Pittard, a former member of the Home, now of Tucson, was a welcome visitor among friends interested in her work at Tucson.

Genesee Conference is aiming to be a mighty power through Christian devotion, Christian stewardship and love for souls.

MRS. DANIEL SMITH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

HOLSTON.

The mills of Holston Conference grind slowly, but we trust surely. We have not accomplished as much in the past year as we had hoped to, but we feel we have made some advance. One new Auxiliary has been organized and one reorganized, and additions made to other Auxil-

iaries. We have lost one Auxiliary, but we have more than "held our own."

A number of pledges were made to the different phases of our work and all paid. The work was presented at the District Conferences and a program rendered at the Anniversary at Annual Conference. We were very fortunate in having Bishop Henderson make the address at Conference Anniversary.

One very encouraging feature of our work is several fine Queen Esther Circles that are doing good work, also several Home Guards and Mothers' Jewel Bands of bright boys and girls and little ones being trained to take our places by and by.

The mite-boxes have done good service and brought quite a little sum into the treasury. We are expecting our treasurer's report to show a considerable increase over last year's.

With courage and hope we press on into another year, trusting that the next year may be far better than the last.

MRS. J. M. PLYLEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

IDAHO.

"He crowneth the year with His goodness."

We are indebted to our Field Secretary, Mrs. Cotton Mather, for the splendid service given our Conference during the month of July.

Now we have fourteen Auxiliaries, five Queen Esther Circles, one Home Guard Band and one Mothers' Jewel Band. Advance seems to have been made along all lines.

Boise has paid a fifty-dollar scholarship and fifty for the Boise Missions.

Idaho Falls has given forty dollars to frontier work, and some special work in Alaska.

Fayette has sent two boxes of bedding and clothing to the Children's Home.

Fruitland, the home of our Conference President, Mrs. C. E. Deal, has a new Auxiliary of ninety-two members, and they have already scattered good seed in their neighboring towns.

This is the third year the Twin Falls Auxiliary has paid a sixty-dollar scholarship in the Jesse Lee Home, Unalaska. They have also given twenty dollars for frontier work. In fact we are in frontier territory and many of our Auxiliaries do a great deal of local work that is appointed by our Society. We feel the need and God knows and blesses abundantly.

"I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing, therefore, that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any fellow-being, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

Our Conference Secretary of Systematic Beneficience, Mrs. J. E. Finger, has been very faithful with her work.

We desire next year not so much to increase the number of our organizations as to strengthen them. May we as individuals put more *thought* and *prayer* in our work; know better present conditions, and to this end we plan first to double our subscription list to *Woman's Home Missions,* read intelligently our text-book, "The New America;" prepare interesting programs for every meeting, study God's Word, listen to His voice, that we may ever have His guidance in all our plans and achieve the purpose in which we are organized to help win America for Christ.

MRS. EDA M. WARNER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ILLINOIS.

The year just closed has been a very good one for Illinois Conference. We have had an increase in members and finances. We have 79 Auxiliaries and 56 Young People's organizations, making a total of 145 with a membership of 4,842. Our Treasurer reports $12,503.68 and our Supply Secretary $3,325.87.

Last November we held our Conference Convention at Champaign, and it was a good one, notwithstanding we missed the enthusiasm of our President and Vice-president, both being detained at home on account of illness. Miss Barge and Miss Rorabach were with us throughout. The session was aided much by their wise counsel. Miss Barge gave us one of her fine addresses the first evening and Rev. Bernheim spoke the second one.

We held fine District Meetings in each of our Districts, and Mrs. Woodash was with us at five of them and did effective work. Our District officers are doing valiant work. Our Conference officers are instant in season and out of season.

The Young People's Societies have increased 13 this year and now we number 56 with a membership of 1,064, who have contributed to the cause of Home Missions, $2,107.43. Our subscription list would have read 1,000 if *one* more woman had been persuaded.

We are not doing what we ought with our mite-boxes, but our report is better than last year and we are encouraged, having raised $807.63.

We have made some much needed changes in our building at Cunningham Children's Home by enlarging the dining room and providing comfortable rooms for our Superintendent and his wife. It has been a good year at the Home. The year's work is ended, but before the books are closed we are laying plans for more effective labor in our Master's vineyard.

Mrs. S. A. Bullard, *Corresponding Secretary.*

INDIANA.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Indiana Conference has 4,510 members.

Our District Meetings, held in May and June, were better attended and the interest greater than usual.

Miss Barge and Mrs. Weaver gave us valuable service.

Our Conference meeting will be held November 12th and 13th, at Connersville, and Mrs. Weaver will be with us.

Our Conference Treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Allgire, reports $4,747.08 cash and $4,675.90 cash vouchers, making a total of $9,422.98, and a gift of $500.

We are glad to say we have made a gain in Mite-box money, as reported by Mrs. J. U. Park.

Mrs. L. Sperry, Supply Secretary, who has served us for so many years, reports cash supplies, $3,272.66.

Our anniversary at the Ministerial Conference was well attended, Dr. B. S. Haywood giving us a fine address. We are now to take a room in Robinson Hall, Washington, D. C., naming it "Indiana Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society."

It is our privilege to work and pray as never before for the advancement of this great work in the Indiana Conference.

"We lift up our voices in thanksgiving and praise, for Thou hast been with us, Thy wisdom our guide."

MRS. ALFRED STRATFORD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

IOWA.

It is with pleasure that we review the work of the past year. With the blessing of God upon our efforts, there has been a marked advance along all lines. We have gained in members, in subscribers to our papers, and in finances.

Twenty-six new societies have been organized during the year—nine Auxiliaries, eleven Queen Esther Circles, one Home Guard and five Mothers' Jewels Bands. One hundred and forty-one Reading Circle members have been added to our list.

All pledges have been paid and an excess over all pledges has been raised of two thousand dollars.

Conference and District Meetings were well attended. Every session was interesting and enthusiastic.

We have had with us during the year Miss Swartz, whose intense addresses on Mormonism aroused our interest in the study book. To her influence we attribute the increase in Reading Circle members.

Mrs. Woodcock was the speaker at the Conference Convention, and pleased every one who heard her speak. Miss Mary Bluschko, of the Kansas City Training School, gave us five weeks of excellent service during the District Meetings. Miss Nellie Snider gave a "fine" address at the anniversary, and followed this with a two weeks' itinerary. Miss Snider is a welcome visitor in Iowa Conference.

With this record behind us we are looking forward to greater and better things.

We believe that our success has been made possible by the clearer vision which came to the women in the Auxiliaries during the weeks of prayer and self-denial. They learned that:

"It is not in keeping the day's work
And the day's prayer separate, so;
But in mixing the prayer with the labor,
That the soul is taught to grow."

NAOMI DAY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

KANSAS.

This has been a busy year in the Kansas Conference. Sometimes the skies have been blue, sometimes heavily overcast. Conference officers, district officers, and Auxiliary members have steadfastly served, glad of the privilege, happy over results

Fourteen Auxiliaries have been organized this year, giving a total of forty-eight, with a membership of 1,374—a gain of 174.

Three Auxiliaries take as many copies of *Woman's Home Missions* as there are members.

Our Executive Board meetings have been well attended by representative women from each district.

Mrs. Cotton Mather spent the month of November in the Conference,

speaking at four District Meetings, strengthening every line of work with helpful counsel and willing service. She organized four Auxiliaries, reorganized three.

At our Conference Anniversary, in March, we had for our speaker Mrs. J. Bernheim, who gave a powerful address to a full house. The consciousness of a divine presence was felt by all.

A number of our own women have represented the work of the Society in district and ministerial gatherings, effecting several organizations.

Three legal cases have been tried in the Conference this year. As a result the Fanny Murry Trust Fund of $9,054.61 came into the Conference treasury. By order of the court, interest must be added to the principal until the fund amounts to the original principal, $10,000.

The important event of the year was the incorporation of the Conference Society under the laws of the State of Kansas.

And now our thoughts turn to the union of the South Kansas and Kansas Conferences, the line having been lifted, and the two Conferences will meet as one in March.

FLORA WARK BECHTEL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

KENTUCKY.

A review of the work during the past year shows we have not accomplished what we desired, much less hoped for—indeed, there has been a falling off in some lines, but thankful are we for advance in others.

Our efficient and untiring Secretary of Young People's Work reports increase in numbers and finances, which causes us to rejoice and press forward with fresh courage.

We have not had a field worker during the year for many good reasons.

Our annual meeting, held in Lexington last October, had the largest attendance in its history, with delegates from several points not represented before. Miss Barge and Miss Roraback were with us, creating enthusiasm and giving valuable assistance.

The school at Harlan has been in successful operation since January, with many more applications for admittance than could be accommodated. These will be enlarged by September, and it is hoped the new building will be rapidly pushed forward. Aid from our friends has come and continues to cheer us.

Rev. D. W. Brown, pastor of our Church at Harlan, and President of Erie Training School, who was sent on an itinerary of several weeks by the National Society in the interest of Erie Home, has met with marked success; his visit to Lexington roused much interest, and pledges beyond our hopes were secured.

In January our Executive Board met in Newport, presided over by our new President, Mrs. Ragan, for the first time, when ways and means were discussed.

The work at Olive Hill has been delayed—beset by many unlooked-for difficulties, plans have miscarried and stood still, but prospects look brighter, and it is believed school will open in September.

The kindergarten has been fine in both places, but with regret the Conference Society discontinued Deaconess Work at Olive Hill, and Miss Cooley, who labored faithfully against heavy odds, went home to rest until able to resume work in another State.

Several of our Auxiliaries have had linen showers for Erie Home, and now the same must be done for Olive Hill.

Our Conference Society meets this fall in Somerset—farther in the State than ever before, and we hope it will be an entering wedge which will open other places to us.

Miss Julia Hawthorne Shaw, *Corresponding Secretary.*

LEXINGTON.

Once more we come to the close of another year's work for the Lexington Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society. This has been a year of steady growth and encouraging results. It was our privilege to have with us during the months of July and August, 1912, our Field Secretary, Miss Bessie M. Garrison, and her visit helped to infuse new life into our members and also to win many new members for our cause.

Home Mission Week, which was observed throughout our Conference, did much to awaken a love for Home Missions not only among our Methodist women, but other denominations as well. The Day of Prayer, which was followed by Self-denial Week, was another opportunity by which our women were brought to a realization of the many benefits which they had derived from our beloved Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Many of our Churches were in the path of the great flood which swept our land this spring. The cry for voluntary help was immediately answered by our loyal women, who worked in the various relief stations, rendering what assistance they could. Two or three of our Auxiliaries disbanded during flood time. We are praying, however, that the seed yet remains and that in the near future a greater society will spring up from the ruins which will be a living monument to our cause.

Our Annual Meeting, which was held in St. Mark Church, Chicago, Ill., last June, was full of inspiration from start to finish. The "Bond Burning" was a beautiful feature and won many admirers for our cause. Every Auxiliary delegate that had paid her assessment on bond was given a pennant with the name of her Auxiliary on it and was permitted to burn her Auxiliary bond. Where all the Auxiliaries on the district had paid, the District Secretary burned the district bond—$70 of the $100 bond was burned. The Auxiliaries that had not paid promised to send their part in by October 1st. The Auxiliaries had been asked to instruct their delegates how much to pledge for new year's work, and when the appeals were made and pledges called for, the delegates and visitors responded and $150 was pledged for our Homes and schools. The local Committee had arranged for our delegation to visit Marcey Center in automobiles. This was enjoyed by all. Ohio District pledged $10 for this Home.

Reports show an increase along all lines. Our Children's Work merits special mention, under the leadership of Mrs. Mayme Randolph, who has been sowing the seed of children's organizations; they are now beginning to spring up, and among the delegates at our Annual Meeting we always welcome our little Home Guards and Jewel delegates, who read their own reports and tell of their work with as much dignity as the older delegates.

Two of our colored girls are in the Training School in Chicago—Fredrica Brown, a princess, who will teach her people in Africa, and Virginia Gertrude Harrison, who has a call to work for our girls in the homeland; and while these two beautiful characters thrilled us by their

strong appeals, one for Africa across the sea, the other for Africa in America, we thought, *"Princes shall come out of Egypt, and Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God;" for "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the Kingdom for such a time as this?"*

Mrs. Dan Brumnitt gave us a fine address on Sunday afternoon, at the Young People's mass meeting.

Our women are faithful and loyal. Our pastors are encouraging us in our work more than ever. We are not satisfied with past achievements, but believe by constant work we will press forward to still higher attainments and lift as we climb.

Mrs. Jas. P. Monroe, *Corresponding Secretary.*

LINCOLN.

As we review our past year's work we feel that we have not accomplished very great things; still we are thankful to know that we have been able to do something to help advance the noble cause of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

While we are sorry to know that some few of our Auxiliaries have failed, we have organized new ones; also a few Mothers' Jewels and Home Guards Bands and Queen Esther Circles.

We feel much encouraged over our Young People's Work. Our greatest task is to plan how to keep the Auxiliaries alive. The scope of our Conference is so great (comprising four States, viz., Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, and Oklahoma) that by the time a worker makes her rounds it will be very necessary that she immediately start over the same work again, and this means much expense; and because of this fact we are unable to go to many places where the pastors are really willing for us to go.

We have just returned from our Annual Meeting, which convened at Tulsa, Okla., in October. We were glad to have with us many of our pastors and two District Superintendents, each kindly helping to push the work and win America for Christ.

Mrs. E. W. Norris, Conference Organizer, was our speaker, encouraging the work of the Young People. Mrs. Norris is doing much for our work.

Mrs. Alpha Smith, our beloved President, has done and is doing all she can to get the women of our Conference aroused to the sense of their duty, impressing on them the great need of reading the Woman's Home Missionary literature and thereby learn of the work. These conventions are very helpful and inspiring to our women. All seem to take on new life.

There is a great work to do in this part of the vineyard, and we will trust and pray that our Master will send us more workers.

Mrs. M. J. McKay, *Corresponding Secretary.*

LITTLE ROCK.

The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society moved along steadily and permanently during the past year; some very encouraging steps have been taken, while we can not report the desired gain on all lines of work. The reports from Conference Treasurer, Young People's Secretary, Temperance Secretary, the State President, Mrs. M. F. Thorton,

and senior Auxiliaries deserve special mention; also the general pledges, individual gifts, and supplies given Adeline Smith Home and the new kitchen. We are learning more about the Society, and rejoice to be numbered with the great women who are helping to evangelize America for Christ. Our great need is more consecrated women.

Some Auxiliaries are following the study course as laid down; some organized Reading Circles. The Cotton Plant Auxiliary has taken $50 for scholarship this year in Adeline Smith Home; the name of the girl is Mabel Steward, a most worthy orphan. Members of the Auxiliary are devout workers. We need more Auxiliaries which will help the pastors keep an active Woman's Home Missionary Society alive in the charge.

The Annual Convention, held at Hot Springs, July 3d and 4th, was successful and helpful. The Rev. B. J. Lewis and his good people royally entertained from beginning to end. The reports deserve special mention. Large credit of the success achieved is due the loyalty of the co-workers.

Our districts are in better condition for good work this year than ever before. The first Woman's Home Missionary District Meeting was held at Cotton Plant, Forest City District, May 17th and 18th—a worthy effort; God be praised for the seed dropped; may they be as seed sown in good soil!

Thanksgiving day Miss Bessie M. Garrison, our Field Secretary, visited Cotton Plant. Her beautiful address made many friends for herself and the Society; she was urged to return soon.

The parlor meeting held by Mrs. Knostin, at Conference, so inspired the women to do more zealous work, when at the Annual Convention her name was often referred to in their reports.

He continues to say, "I will guide thee with Mine eye." We begin the new year with faith, hope, and courage.

Mrs. G. N. Johnson, *Corresponding Secretary.*

LOUISIANA.

At the last Annual Convention, held in January, I was elected Conference Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference. Now I feel that a great Christian responsibility has been placed on me. As I enter upon my duty I can see a bright future for the women of this Conference society; there is every inducement for our success. The Lord has blessed us in having in our midst Mrs. W. P. Thirkield, wife of our resident Bishop, and Miss Ida M. Gibson, the Superintendent of Peck Home. These good women attended our anniversary last year and addressed a great crowd of women in the interest of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Miss Emma Bessic, the newly elected President, has been doing some effective work; she has visited the District Conferences, organized the districts, spoke to the ministers on the district, and has the strong support of the District Superintendents.

Our chief object shall be to increase the membership, organize the evangelistic work throughout the Conference, circulate the *Woman's Home Missions* paper among our women. We hope to raise a neat sum on Peck Home this year, and also bring up the rest of our dues. We shall pray as we close this year that our efforts shall be crowned with success.

Mrs. L. C. Daniels, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MAINE.

We have been borne on the swift wings of time, with its golden opportunities, to the close of another year, and as we record the year's work we would not be unmindful of God's great love and care over us.

We can not report large gains. Seven new Auxiliaries have been formed; also eight Queen Esther Circles and two Home Guards Bands. Early in November Miss Grace Roraback came to our Conference and did excellent work, but owing to the illness of her sister, was called home before finishing her itinerary, much to our regret.

We have two districts fully organized; both have held District Meetings, which were well attended and enthusiastic. Much credit is due the district officers for their untiring zeal and loyalty.

Our Queen Esther Circles are doing splendid work.

We are glad to report an increase in subscriptions to *Home Missions.*

We have no Reading Circles in the Conference, but hope to be able to remedy this before another year.

Our Deaconess Home, under the efficient leadership of Miss King, is the scene of great activity and a source of blessing. Associated with her are seven Deaconesses doing active work in Church and parish throughout the Conference.

Much interest has been taken by our Auxiliaries in the Italian Mission in Portland, and a splendid work is being done there. Miss Vose, one of our Deaconesses, has been permanently located in this field and is doing most excellent work among the children and young people.

Our Amee Home, in Gardiner, is meeting a real need.

Our work was presented at Old Orchard Camp-meeting by Miss King, and at the Conference Anniversary by Rev. B. F. Haywood, D. D.

The Day of Prayer was observed by an all-day meeting, which was well attended.

Our finances have kept up, the pledges having all been met.

We thank our Heavenly Father for the degree of success which has been ours, and pray that we may grasp the opportunities which are before us to advance His work.

Mrs. W. J. Weir, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MICHIGAN.

The Secretary of the Michigan Conference is glad to report a prosperous year along some lines of endeavor. We have not realized our hopes in many things; nevertheless, we have reason to praise our Heavenly Father for the degree of success we have achieved. We have met all of our financial obligations of the year, and made good what we lacked on last year through the loss by bank failure. We have not made as large a net increase in membership over last year as we hoped to. We covet one hundred new Auxiliaries and a good increase of Young People's and children's organizations. There have been several new organizations this year.

Miss Snider gave us two months of faithful service; attended all of our District Meetings, organized several new Auxiliaries, encouraged weak ones, and sowed much good seed, which we believe will be heard from in the future. She is an enthusiastic, untiring worker. Our last Conference Meeting was one of the best. Miss Barge was with us and rendered valuable service. Miss Snider was also with us last fall; gave

many addresses during Home Mission Week, also addressed a number of Thank-offering meetings; offerings were better than ever in some instances.

We have received a few bequests. One gift was given to an Auxiliary from the tithe of one of God's saints, who is patiently waiting to be released from her suffering.

Plans are being made to have the management of our Aldrich Deaconess Home and Training School placed in the hands of the Michigan and Detroit Conference Woman's Home Missionary Societies. The four general officers of Michigan Conference met, June 30th, with the Detroit Conference officers. We were guests at a luncheon given by our honored President, Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson. The spirit of the meeting was all that could be desired. Our Home has recently been redecorated at an expense of over $500. More repairs on the outside are needed.

GEORGIANA E. HALL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MINNESOTA.

Minnesota Conference reports advance along all lines of work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Our Conference is becoming more thoroughly organized. Our districts, too; we have had a meeting on each of our four districts the past year.

Our pledges have been more than met. We pledged more last year than ever before, and this year we are reaching out to still greater things.

Our supplies reached the sum of nearly $1,300.

Cash in our mite-boxes more than last year.

Our Secretary of Literature reports over $50 worth of literature distributed, besides nearly 3,000 free leaflets.

Encouragement is the report from our Tithing Secretary.

We have had reports from our Secretary of Temperance for two years now.

We have a live Secretary of Reading Circles, who is trying to get Minnesota Conference in line.

Our most efficient Secretary of Young People's Work has her department well in hand and reports success and delight in her work.

We have a new Secretary of Children's Work, who is succeeding, and we look for good results from this department.

A Conference paper is one of our desires for the near future. An Industrial Home and School *in Minnesota* for boys and girls is another.

MRS. GEO. F. JENNINGS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MISSISSIPPI.

Slowly but surely the Mississippi Conference is pushing her way to the front rank of usefulness in the organization of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Though I can not report great results, yet it is with gratitude to God that I can record advancement in all departments of our work. The past year has found the workers in the different Auxiliaries aroused to new zeal and doing much to forward our Lord's work. Much of this enthusiasm must be credited to our faithful Secretaries, who have sown the seed early and late. Seven new Auxiliaries have been organized during the past year.

We have Auxiliaries on each of the six districts. Their reports show that they are deeply interested in the work.

Leaflets, Annual Reports, and copies of our paper have been distributed throughout the Conference.

Our Annual Meeting was held in connection with our Annual Conference, in January.

Our special work has been for Mothers' Jewels Home. We highly appreciate the encouragement and hearty co-operation of our ministers. They assist us, giving us their pulpits for public service, and they are giving our Society a place on their District Conference programs. Public meetings have been held throughout the Conference, which have strengthened the Auxiliaries.

The District Meetings have been well attended and helpful, reaching a large number of women who could not attend the annual gathering.

The mite-boxes are finding a way into more of our homes—one hundred and forty-four distributed the past year. Let us lay our tithe beside our prayers, "Thy Kingdom come," and await the "rising of the Sun of Righteousness with healing in His wings."

A Secretary of Reading Circles was elected in each district at their last Annual Meeting.

Plans are laid to push the organization of Mothers' Jewels Bands, thus effecting the double purpose of raising funds for the Society and training the children in missionary work. We have not realized our ideal in this work of the year, but our faith is stronger, our trust is deepened in Him who has given us the privilege of laboring with Him in bringing the lost ones home.

Our paper has not the number of subscribers that is deserves. We appeal to all of our members to help give it a larger circulation. Knowledge as well as zeal is needed. Let us avail ourselves of all helps for the largest and most rapid extension of the Kingdom of our Christ in such an eventful time as this.

We do not intend to relax our efforts until there is a live Woman's Home Missionary Auxiliary in every self-supporting Church in the Conference. Sisters, I am impressed that if the future of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is to be what we wish it to be, one of the greatest agencies in evangelizing our own race, that we will have to give more help to the Bureau of Deaconess Work, and give more financial aid for the establishment of Homes.

The work of the Young People does not grow as I could wish, but we have made some plans to give it special attention during the year. With Mrs. W. W. Lucas at the head of this department, success is sure to come; and with this consolation the future is full of promise.

MRS. L. P. BROWN-MAY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MISSOURI.

As we take a retrospect of the year it is our pleasure to report a steady advance. Interest in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is increasing throughout our Conference. There is prospect of new Auxiliaries, as requests have come from different Churches for information regarding our work.

This year the first Children's Work was organized, and we hope for a further enlargement of this department. Knowing that a trained childhood in things missionary will fit them to assume the responsibilities of the work of the future.

There are nearly one hundred readers of *Woman's Home Missions*, and fifty *Children's Home Missions* are taken by one Auxiliary.

Financially, we have exceeded last year's offering. Nearly double the amount pledged has passed through our treasury on its way to help a little in this great work for humanity.

Miss Greeta Leigh spent three weeks in our Conference following Home Mission week. She visited three District Conferences, gave addresses in fourteen of our churches, organized two Auxiliaries, and secured some Conference members. Her services were very acceptable. Miss Leigh not only made friends for herself, but won them for the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Miss Nellie Snider interested a large audience at our Conference Anniversary, carrying conviction to her hearers that America was in truth a Mission Field.

As our Conference is strengthened and enlarged, many more will be uplifted and helped, because of our efforts to advance the cause of Home Missions. While we are encouraged by the work of the past twelve months we have higher aims for the coming year, believing the Father of all will bless every means, as we endeavor to execute the Great Commission.

MRS. C. J. CHASE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MONTANA.

We of Montana Conference regret that we are not able to report greater advancement during the past year. This is not due to indifference nor lack of interest, but, as in all new countries great problems confront the women of our Church, we are no exception.

We are not unmindful of the fact that if we would measure up to the privilege of service we must reach out beyond our own immediate needs and help those who are looking to us for aid.

So with this thought in view we will look forward to better results this year, and pray and work earnestly to bring it about.

MRS. N. E. CHURCH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEBRASKA.

Because of the persistent effort of our National Organizer, Mrs. Clara L. Dobson, we have gained fifteen new Auxiliaries. These are in a flourishing condition. We are very proud of our sixty-eight working Auxiliaries, and, including our Queen Esthers, 1,976 women are banded together to work for God and home and native land.

We have paid every pledge made, including our $500 bond. In our State we have over 100,000 Bohemians, the majority of them being infidels. Last year we kept one missionary at work, visiting from house to house, the entire year. This year we will have two missionaries at work all the time.

MRS. LESLIE STEVENS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEWARK.

It is indeed a privilege to report to you the result of the splendid work accomplished by the loyal women of the Newark Conference during this past year.

The women of this Conference have never felt a keener sense of the gravity of their task, never more fully realizing that they have been saved for service in the King's business, which now as ever requires haste of its subjects. Our hearts are full to overflowing with praise and thanksgiving to our dear Lord and Master who has given us such an abundant harvest. "He that ruleth Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps."

As in previous years, we are very glad to report that this year as well our Conference pledges have been paid in full and all our obligations met.

We are very pleased to report an increase in the number of Auxiliaries, and an additional membership of over four hundred. We can not speak too highly of the work accomplished by our National Field Secretary, Miss Josephine Corbin, during her six weeks of labor amongst us. God has wonderfully blessed her earnest efforts.

A very encouraging report was received from our Secretary of Young People's Work.

Our Secretary for Home Guards shows a substantial increase in membership in her report.

A splendid year's work has been done through our Supply Department, indicating an increase in cash receipts of $910, and in the number of garments an addition of 1,714 over the previous year.

Our devoted Mite-box Secretary reports $1,094 as having been gathered through these silent little messengers.

The past year has also been one of the best in the history of our two Deaconess Homes, located in Jersey City and in Newark, N. J. Truly blest has been the spiritual influence of these "women of God" as they have gone forth on their errands of mercy and helpfulness.

Very gratifying was the report received from our Literature Secretary, showing a larger circulation of our leaflets, calendars, booklets, etc., as well as a large increase in the sale of the study book, "Mormonism, the Islam of America." We have faith to believe that Mormonism has at last heard the toll of its death-knell.

The large advance during the year in the number of subscribers to our two Society organs, *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions*, was most satisfactory. We were very glad to accept the suggestion of Miss Mary Belle Evans, the publisher, in the "Volunteer Team" movement, and splendid results were accomplished.

We are very pleased to report that the office of our Temperance Secretary is being magnified and more interest being manifested in the work of this department.

We are also very grateful for the increased interest that has been awakened in the department of Systematic Beneficence, and trust that we shall be able to report in the near future that a large number of "tithers" have been added to the list in the Newark Conference.

We believe that the special call to evangelism by our General Society is God-given. A Secretary for the Conference has been appointed, and we are anticipating a very encouraging report from this Secretary during the coming year. Truly such a redeeming mission belongs to us as Christian women in helping to save our "homeland" for our King.

So, as earnest, loyal women, we of the Newark Conference shall endeavor to go on to the larger service until the time when the "Good Shepherd" calls us to receive our reward—"His gift of everlasting life."

MRS. HEDLEY R. WOODWARD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW ENGLAND.

The year has been one of marked success and interest in the New England Conference. Money has been raised in excess of pledges, the total receipts being $12,921; of this sum, $2,587 was for the Immigrant Home Building, and $189 was self-denial money. The new Immigrant Home was occupied for the first time on the 10th of last September, and that night received ten immigrants. The work has been increasingly active since. The opening of several new lines of steamers is taxing the workers to the utmost. It is not alone the numbers who are cared for, but the peculiar cases of illness and such as demand exacting attention that increase the strain. The family rooms of two, three, and four beds are proving of the greatest usefulness. The building has cost nearly $32,000, and the furnishings over $1,500. While sixty-nine different Conferences are represented in this amount, more than half was raised in New England. Of necessity, the expense of running the larger building will be greater, and we trust our sister Conferences who have so generously helped us in securing the building will continue to aid us. On May 23, 1913, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Home and of Mrs. A. C. Clark's years of service was most pleasantly observed in the Home. The large cross which surmounts the building is electrically lighted at night and proclaims to all in whose name we work.

The work of the Medical Mission and Hull Street Settlement, under the efficient superintendence of Mrs. E. M. Taylor, has also increased during the year; 14,040 have been given treatment in the dispensary, and 573 on the district. A graduate physician and senior student are serving as internes. The dental clinics are well attended, the school nurses bringing many children for treatment. The Settlement Work has been successfully carried on, the exhibition in June proving how effective are the sewing classes. Repairs to the amount of about $500 have been put upon the building, and the freshly painted walls included in the work give a cheery aspect to the interior.

The Secretary of Literature, Mrs. Annie O. Clark, reports increasing interest and output of literature, and with the removal of our headquarters to the fine new Wesleyan Building, 581 Boylston Street, Boston, there will be added pleasure in selecting the literature. A steady increase in the number of tithers is noted, and more literature has been distributed and more sermons preached on tithing than ever before.

Three new Auxiliaries have been organized. The work of our Young People is prospering in the hands of the capable Secretary, Mrs. S. W. Coy, and our Jewels are holding their happy little gatherings as usual. Mrs. George W. Coleman was our effective Conference speaker.

The visit of Mrs. Hallie L. Hill was a delight to all who listened to her. Additional members were secured in Auxiliaries and Queen Esther Circles, and six Jewel Life-members. Pledges to the amount of $265 were made for different points in the work. She was the Methodist representative at the great interdenominational luncheon in Boston during Home Mission Week, addressed the Preachers' Meeting, attended Young People's rallies in Boston, Malden, Worcester, and Springfield, and Interdenominational, District, and Auxiliary Meetings in different cities, and always with pleasure and profit to her hearers.

Sarah Wyman Floyd, *Assistant Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN.

The best year in the history of our Society has passed. Great cause for thankfulness is ours as we reveiew the work of all departments. We have been helped and cheered by the visits of several of our National and Field Workers.

In November, 1912, Mrs. H. L. Hill came to our Conference for an itinerary, assisting in several inderdenominational meetings, attending the Annual Conference Meeting at Brockton, Mass., and addressing sixteen Auxiliaries. Nine new annual members and three honorary members were gained; also one life member, Miss Katherine Hicks, of New Bedford, Mass., was enrolled. Great encouragement and inspiration was gained by the presence and help of this loyal worker.

Rev. W. F. Baldwin presented his work in Alaska at the Annual Conference Meeting at Fourth Street, New Bedford and Marion, Mass.

In May Mrs. T. J. Everett, a former beloved Conference President, spoke before several of the Auxiliaries.

Miss Grace Roraback, National Field Worker for the Young People, was with us at the three District Meetings in June, giving most efficient advice and stimulating us to greater service.

At the Conference Anniversary Rev. Duncan MacPhie, of Boston, Mass., spoke on Present Day Mormonism, and brought to his hearers the realization that Mormonism is one of the greatest perils of this age.

At the District Anniversay at the Willimantic Camp Ground, Dr. Benjamin S. Haywood touched all hearts by his stirring message and his appeal for the Hospital at Washington, D. C., which was responded to by two special gifts of $100; each from Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Stanley of Highland Park, Conn., and Mr and Mrs. Costello Lippitt of Norwich, Conn., for beds in the Children's Ward.

Miss Frances Russell, of Browning Home, Camden, S. C., visited Willimantic, Rockville, Stafford Springs and South Manchester in September, telling the story of life at Browning Home and the adjacent plantations.

Mr. Willard Case, of South Manchester, who for many years has been a friend to our Society, most generously contributed three hundred dollars for the new building.

Miss Carrie Barge, National Field Worker for the Young People, is now closing a two weeks' itinerary with us. Her labors can not fail to be of profit.

Many of the officers and members have given splendid service in visiting neighboring Auxiliaries. The President, Mrs. Walter P. Buck, has spoken many times during the year, presided at the Conference Anniversary and assisted the District Officers at the District Meetings.

The names of Mrs. Eleanor J. Cooper, our efficient Treasurer for many years, and Miss M. Ella Stewart, a faithful worker in the Providence Auxiliary, and now connected with the staff at Browning Home, have been placed on the dormitory of Mather Academy.

Home Mission Week was generally observed by our Auxiliaries and Churches; in most instances our Auxiliaries taking the initiative in the interdenominational meetings.

Self-denial Week and the Day of Prayer were also observed, proving most helpful. To aid in these endeavors the Corresponding Secretary forwarded to Auxiliaries five hundred leaflets for the three special services.

Text-books and other reading matter have been put in the hands of many not members of Auxiliaries nor reading circles, and this can in most cases be traced to Home Mission Week and the splendid efforts

of the Secretary of Literature. An accurate account of the number of text-books used can not be given, but about forty were reported in use by readers not connected with our Societies.

One hundred and sixty-five Annual Reports have been circulated. New membership cards have been distributed. We trust all will join in this important plan in adding to the interests of the Society.

This year, as in previous ones, special efforts have been made to obtain new subscriptions to the papers.

Each District has tried to increase their subscriptions, and while the entire number desired has not been reported, an advance has been made in the past six months.

We regret the resignation of Mrs. Helen I. Benson as Superintendent of our Press Department. Removal from the Conference made the resignation necessary. The good wishes of our Society follow her.

At a meeting of the Executive Board in May it was voted to add two committees, Evangelistic and Temperance. Another year we shall be able to report aggressive work on these lines.

At the last Annual Meeting it was voted to present a flag to the District sending in the best reports. A decided improvement is shown in all reports, but the honor of sending the best reports for each of the four quarters belongs to Providence District, Mrs. J. W. Kirk, Corresponding Secretary.

Each department of our work has been under the care of an efficient officer, and all reports have been gratifying.

The Supply Department reports new goods valued at $315.25, cash, $17.61; freight, $15.68; total, $348.54. Worn articles, 1,387; magazines, 15.

Our literature has found its way into many homes. The exhibit at Conference proved most interesting. Four hundred and eighteen copies of *Woman's Home Missions* and 506 *Children's Home Missions* are subscribed for.

At our District Meetings our Conference President suggested an advance for the year 1913-14. At the three meetings it was voted to aim to advance 25 per cent along all lines.

The scholarship at the National Training School at Washington, D. C., arranged for at the last Annual Meeting, has been awarded to Miss Helen Stewart of New London, Conn. To assist our workers is good, to train a worker is better, and all who are acquainted with Miss Stewart are confident that this seed is sown in good ground and will yield an abundant harvest.

Success will be assured and the 25 per cent advance on all lines become a reality if all Auxiliaries, Circles and Jewels will add to their membership. Total membership July, 1913, 1,215, an increase of 68 during the year.

Local work has been carried on for some time at Providence, R. I., and New London, Conn. At the latter place a deaconess is to begin work under the Woman's Home Missionary Society November first. Stafford Springs is about to begin work with the Italians.

We covet for each one a vision of what it may mean to be a co-worker in the Woman's Home Missionary Society, not alone for the help and uplift which may be given others, but for the blessings which the workers receive.

"Oh, be it mine by deed or word of kindness
To strengthen for the strife
Weak hands and hearts that sorely lack the courage
To make the most of life."

Mrs. Albert W. Rogers, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The loyalty of our workers has not abated, so, while we can report but little increase in membership, we can say that our pledges are paid and one new Auxiliary organized. A greater gain is noted among our Young Poeple, also some advance has been made in subscriptions for *Home Missions.*

The Conference anniversary address, by Rev. B. S. Haywood, was much enjoyed. At the camp-meeting anniversaries the work was ably presented by interesting and helpful speakers.

District Meetings have been especially helpful and inspiring. Literature has been freely distributed, and at the various meetings the literature table has been an object of interest.

After eleven years of service as Conference Corresponding Secretary, I am soon leaving the work—I confess with regret. I trust it may fall into abler and stronger hands. I have loved and enjoyed the work, and given to it time, money, and my best endeavors. May the seed sown in the past bring a rich harvest, and the coming year be one of great prosperity!

MRS. E. B. SAVAGE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW JERSEY.

Another year crowded with duties has passed for the New Jersey Conference, and as we stand on the threshold of another year and take a retrospective view of the things undertaken and the work actually accomplished, we rejoice that at least a fair degree of success has been attained.

The interest in our National work is widespread throughout our Conference, for our pledges were made and paid to all departments, from the faraway Alaska to Porto Rico, our foreign women and children of Hawaii and the Pacific Coast to our own broad Atlantic.

Our Supply Work, ever and always one of the attractive lines of our work, was larger this year than ever, and in this as well as all lines of our work our Young People have aided most generously and beautifully.

Our Queen Esthers are helping in all our Conference pledges, and we realize as never before they are the hope and the large encouragement of our Conference for future service. Our work has been faithfully presented at our Conference Anniversary and at our Camp Meetings; perhaps this year at Ocean Grove will ever stand out as one of the best programs ever presented at our Ocean Grove Anniversary.

We have not had a Field Secretary this year, much as we would have liked to, but it seemed impossible to secure one.

For many years we have claimed Bancroft Rest Home as the only Home within our Conference, and we are right royally proud of this attractive Rest Home, where so many of our workers are able to find rest and health by the "deep, blue sea." But this year finds us with another Home, for we have opened a Deaconess Home in Camden, N. J. Miss Anna Davis, who comes to us with a large experience from the Utica Settlement Work, is the deaconess in charge. This new work is engaging the attention of many of our preachers and others, and we are hoping for many new interested women won by our deaconess and the great work she represents. We need more women willing to take the responsibility of leading. We have many (thousands) splendid women

and young women who would unite heart and soul with us if they only had a vision and could see conditions and needs. Is the fault with us?

We are trusting and planning that we may find time and opportunity to lay the work on their hearts, and as we enter upon the coming year with higher aims, we implore the unstinted guidance of our Heavenly Father. MRS. WESLEY B. STOUT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW MEXICO.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the New Mexico Conference has sustained a great loss in the death of their faithful and efficient Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. T. Roe. On this account a new and inexperienced woman must take up the work.

The Annual Meeting was held at Conference time. Six Auxiliaries were reported, with total receipts of $773.49.

The Harwood Industrial School for Girls is doing its usual good work, under the efficient management of Miss Luella B. Price and her earnest and consecrated force of helpers.

Miss Elizabeth T. Roe is Superintendent of Settlement Work for El Paso, Texas.

The Harwood Methodist Deaconess Hospital, in charge of two Deaconesses, Miss Stella Corbin, Superintendent, and Miss Pearl McPherson, Assistant, has had a most encouraging year. The cottages and rooms are full, and two new cottages are in process of construction. Help is needed to support the work, and more tent cottages to meet the growing demands. A new administration building is also needed.

We hope for greater achievement in the year to come.

MRS. GRACE T. WHITE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW YORK.

The New York Conference reports a year of faithful service, given by many hearts and hands, and an increase along all lines. Miss Grace Roraback was with us for a little, and new Auxiliaries in her own home Church and others adjoining speak well for this young prophet in her own country. We are earnestly hoping that we may have her with us this coming year to give needed cultivation to some neglected fields. Our pledges, numbering over seventy, have all been paid. We have several special gifts to be grateful for, among which are the new furnishings for the Watts de Peyster Nursery, given by Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dedrick in memory of their daughter Ella. We have also received a legacy of $500, for which the Catherine Vail room at Cedartown, Ga., has been named. Our Fisk Flag floats over Erie Home, and our Fisk memorial is already an influence for good at El Paso.

Our Annual Meeting, at Peekskill, was a time of great inspiration and blessing. Our District Meetings have been enthusiastic. On the Kingston District the ideal plan has been reached, where the Home and Foreign Societies hold their meetings on two successive days. The meeting of the Poughkeepsie District was held at Watts de Peyster Home, and everybody felt the influence of that blessed place. The children had a part in the meeting, of course, and gave great pleasure by their songs and recitations. The Newburg meetings were held at Warwick and at Middletown, and both were successful in reaching many who had not

been interested before. The New York District Meeting was held in New York City, and resulted as usual in the placing of many of our pledges among the Auxiliaries. Our Conference Anniversary was held at the Metropolitan Temple, in New York City. Rev. C. H. Morgan gave a most inspiring address to a large audience. Founders' Day at Watts de Peyster, in June, is an annual feast of the Conference, and this year was no exception. Visitors are always welcome and are made to feel a deep personal interest in the Home. The Immigrant Girls' Home is still a light to the wanderer, and the force of workers at 9 State Street are constantly winning the approval of Him who said, "I was a stranger and ye took Me in." Our Conference, in co-operation with several other denominations, as represented by the Interdenominational Council of Home Missions, observed the Day of Prayer, in February, at the Methodist headquarters. There was a deluge of rain, but the spirits of those present were not dampened. Our city organization will take charge of the meeting this year.

We are far from being satisfied with our year's work, because we see before us a vision of greater things to be accomplished, and we bring again the strong word of our translated leader, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, "Forward and not failure shall be our motto."

Mrs Philip M. Watters, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW YORK EAST.

With an increase of five Auxiliaries and eleven Queen Esther Circles, our New York East Conference Society, numbering 3,500, faces the great Home Missionary field of opportunity with a broader vision for the needs of God's people.

As we review the work of the past year we rejoice in the knowledge of an advancement all along the line.

Much of the progress in our Young People's Department is due to the efficient service of Miss Grace M. Roraback, Field Secretary of Young People's Work.

Our four District Meetings have been well attended and have shown interest and growth.

Our Conference Anniversary, held in the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, New Haven, Conn., was well attended. The address of the afternoon, "Home Missions, a Legacy and An Opportunity," given by the Rev. John Henry Bell, Ph. D., was full of information and inspiration.

Co-operating with the Home Mission Campaign, our Conference held a mass meeting in the New York Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church of Brooklyn. The address of the afternoon was given by the Rev. John F. Carson, on "American Social Problems." Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff also spoke on other missionary problems.

Self-denial Week was observed by many of our Auxiliaries and Circles. In addition to personal development, the sum of $154.45 was realized for the treasury.

Pledges for the support of the work were made to nearly every Home and School, and a conditional pledge of $825 was made for local work in four sections of the one Conference, viz., Brooklyn, New Haven, Astoria, and Middletown. About $1,800 in excess of these pledges has been forwarded to the National treasury; also $300 for three bonds on the indebtedness of the Society.

Our Treasurer's books show an increase of $500 in totals for this year.

Our two Deaconess Homes, maintained in Brooklyn and New Haven, stand for loyal service.

The Industrial Work of Brooklyn has continued to grow in each of its eight classes.

With grateful hearts for the success of the year, we stand on the threshold of the new year with fresh courage and assurance of His guidance in our work "For Christ and in His Name."

MRS. CHARLES A. SOPER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH CAROLINA.

At this, the close of another year's work, we feel encouraged, as we review with pleasure the work accomplished and the outlook for the future. An increase in workers and interest is slowly but surely evident. We have a few new organizations above the number reported last year, but we shall not be satisfied until we compare more favorably with the stronger organizations.

We thoroughly appreciate the value of the industrial homes within the bounds of the North Carolina Conference maintained by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, also the untiring and generous efforts of our Bureau Secretary, Mrs. H. T. Dennis. With greater responsibilities and firmer faith we face another year, which we hope to make the best in the history of our work.

MRS. ANNA E. PEACE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH DAKOTA.

We are glad to report that the last year, the twelfth of our organization, was the best we have ever had. One new Auxiliary was organized, but one fell by the way, leaving our number sixteen, with a membership of 251 paid members. There are 235 subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions,* ninety of which are sent to the parsonages by the Conference Society. There were sixty text-books in use in the Auxiliaries, and many more used by the ministers. The subject of Mormonism is being studied here.

Miss DeWitt was in the Conference seven weeks during the year. With consent of the officers, she laid emphasis on reading and information rather than organization. She was gladly heard wherever she went, and we feel that much interest was aroused for Home Missions.

One of our own ministers gave the address for us at Annual Conference, and another minister gave the evening address at our Annual Meeting. The whole program there was given by our own women and girls, and splendid papers they were. In this way we are training informed leaders for the local Auxiliaries. With practically the same number of members, our finances increased about $400 over the previous year.

With the situation remaining so nearly the same, we obey Rev. 3:11, "Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

MRS. F. W. HEIDEL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH INDIANA.

As we celebrate this, our thirtieth anniversary, we are glad that we can report a few new organizations, larger membership, and increased financial pledge.

Every officer has been true to the trust committed to her care, and each Department Secretary has worked faithfully to create greater interest and enthusiasm in her special line of work during the past year.

Our women are becoming more vitally interested in the great work of the Society as they become better acquainted with the needs of the Homes and Schools, and many are beginning to more fully ralize that God offers us these opportunities of service, and because of the opportunities, holds us responsible for the improvement of our National life and the advancement of His Kingdom.

The death angel has visited the homes of some of our membership and taken away loved ones—but God's grace has proved sufficient, and we all look forward to the meeting on the other shore.

Our Conference Meeting was held in First Church, Newcastle, and was full of interest and enthusiasm. Newcastle is a "City of Roses," and the florists were so lavish in their gifts of those sweet flowers that the church was a veritable bower of roses.

On account of the removal of our Conference President to another section of our country, our beloved Vice-President, Mrs. Emma L. Daniel, presided in her sweet and gracious manner. Mrs. Celestine Bernheim, of Marcy Center, gave the address of the first evening, and our newly elected President gave the second evening address.

At our Anniversary Meeting, in April, in connection with the Annual Conference, Mr. J. Bernheim, of Chicago, came to our relief when the speaker we had engaged disappointed us, and he gave us a splendid address on Jewish work.

In June we held our six District Meetings. For the third time in the year we had a message telling us that our speaker would have to disappoint us. But Mrs. Gillette, of Cincinnati, and Miss Barge, National Secretary of Young People's Work, came to us and gave us splendid addresses, and won many friends for themselves and to the cause of Home Missions. So we certainly agree with the poet who said, "All's well that ends well."

The Summer School of Missions at Winona was not as well attended as usual, but those who were there were very deeply interested, and report an excellent program and splendid work by those in charge. Surely the good seed will bring an abundant harvest.

Our Auxiliaries have made an increased pledge financially, and many of them are becoming more thoroughly consecrated to the work, so we face the new year with hope and courage, and expect the coming year to be our best year.

Mrs. A. B. Cline, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH NEBRASKA.

As we are at the close of another year's work in the Society, we review the work and find:

While all our hopes have not been realized, or all the plans carried out in full, it can truthfully be said it has been a successful year.

The ladies that have so faithfully carried out the plans of our Society,

the Corresponding Secretary wants to thank you all. You have been an inspiration.

The past year has been one of great demands on us all. And this is because the harvest is at hand with immense problems, and the workers are few.

A gain of new members in all Auxiliaries of this Conference was eighty-two. Fremont carried off the flag, having gained the most. St. Edward and Pilger have gained new life, sending in fine reports. The Day of Prayer and Week of Self-denial were observed by nearly all Auxiliaries.

There was fear that the cyclone at Omaha had crippled one of our Auxiliaries, but by report they are still doing fine work.

Omaha and Norfolk Districts held successful conventions, which will be of great help to the work for the coming year. Neligh District held a meeting at the same time as the Conference Convention.

We had the good fortune to have with us at our conventions Mrs. Clara Dobson and her sister, Mrs. Fink, and Mr. W. L. Philley, a student from Rebecca McClesky Home.

Bishop F. M. Bristol delivered an inspiring address on Home Missions at the Conference Anniversary, at Madison.

We have been in a way disappointed in our Deaconess Work, but hope all things will be overcome for good.

May our ambition be to excel in all our duties, and our advancements be for the Woman's Home Missionary Society to be crowned with success!

May the spirit of love and good-will prevail, every member using her influence to promote this great work!

Be ever vigilant in our work, watch every opportunity to be helpful with kindly acts and words, which may help to comfort some lonely heart, and thus make a record for good that will be an honor and credit to the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Mrs. F. H. Perdew, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH-EAST OHIO.

I am bringing to you the first report of the new North-East Ohio Conference, which has been formed by the uniting of our North and East Ohio Conferences.

Notwithstanding this merger necessitated many changes as to personnel and method, yet the work has moved along with little delay and no friction, and our various reports show a very creditable increase in membership, Auxiliaries and Circles and in the amount of money sent to the Treasurer.

The greatest disturbance was felt in the North Ohio section, occasioned by the radical changes in and disappearance of old District lines; but the good women having the work in charge in that section proved themselves royal and loyal Methodist women and readily adjusted themselves to new conditions.

In this large Conference of ten Districts it is impossible for any Secretary with other responsibilities to hold the key to the whole situation. The only method that will stand for larger growth and greater efficiency is the development of strong Districts into wide-awake organizations which shall understand, because of the larger knowledge and acquaintance with the possibilities of her own section.

To do this we must have each District cared for by women who can and will develop their work until it becomes a vital force to all their

constituency. To accomplish this many new methods must be adopted and the work in every instance must be greater than those to whom it is entrusted.

These things we are aiming to do. During the year we have made one new departure. Our work was presented at the Chautauqua held at Bethesda, Ohio, by Miss Rena Waltz, who remained during the entire week, doing the things she found to do, making friends for our cause, and distributing much information by the use of our literature. At the same time another group of women were at Lakeside, Ohio, establishing our School of Missions at this point.

We hope to continue our work at this point, thus reaching many not reached by any other method.

Our aim and watchword this year will be "Every one win now," and by so doing we shall strengthen our borders and stand a strong united Conference having a large part in the saving of "America for America."

Mrs. M. H. Nason, *Corresponding Secretary,*
Mrs. M. W. Reece, *Associate Secretary.*

NORTHERN MINNESOTA.

Our work grows encouragingly along all lines. Our total earnings for the year amounted to $10,417, a gain of twenty-five per cent over last year. This includes a bequest of $850 to Rebecca McClesky Home by the late Dr. Edwin Phillips, of Minneapolis. Our Supply Work totaled $1,062, our mite-boxes brought us $595.06, and $2,900 went to our new Deaconess Home at Duluth. We have 1,233 members enrolled, as against 1,050 last year—a gain of 183.

It was with great regret that we finally accepted the resignation of our Conference Secretary of Young People's Work, Mrs. Arthur J. Dean, who, on account of ill-health, has been unable to attend to the duties of her office this past year. For lack of proper supervision the work has no doubt suffered; but through the enthusiastic efforts of Mrs. Jacob Dyson, the Secretary of Young People for Duluth District, five new Queen Esther Circles have been organized. The total amount raised by our Young People was $1,092.04; $85 of this sum was contributed by Epworth and Junior Leagues.

Our Annual Meeting was held at Duluth. One striking feature was the visit to the Deaconess Home, where we were given a glimpse of the work carried on by our Deaconesses in this most interesting section of our State. One of them conducted an exercise by a class composed of twelve different nationalities from the new town of Gary, a few miles distant, recently built for their workers by the Steel Trust. Between thirty and forty nationalities are to be found in the population of Duluth District, and our Society may be said to be doing both Home and Foreign work there.

The Corresponding Secretary has been able to attend all the District Meetings, and has found them of great interest. A lecture on Mormonism has been the principal feature at three out of the four. Ex-Senator Frank J. Cannon was our speaker at Fergus Falls. He told us that before the women of the various societies for Home Missions had taken up the study of Mormonism he had found the hearers as of brass on making his appeal for help for his people, while now he finds himself in a sympathetic atmosphere at once. His lecture at Minneapolis, under the auspices of the Interdenominational Board of Women for Home Missions, was a great occasion in every way.

Miss C. K. Swartz spoke on this all-important subject before our public school teachers of Minneapolis, preparatory to the meeting of the National Educational Association at Salt Lake City this summer. They were charmed by the speaker, and much moved by the speech.

Early this spring our very efficient President, Mrs. H. G. Leonard, announced a definite program for the coming year. It includes an aggressive campaign for membership.

Praying for God's blessing on our efforts, we are all looking forward to great things for the future.

MRS. J. A. JOHNSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHERN NEW YORK.

With ninety-six Auxiliaries and a membership of nearly 3,000 a band of faithful officers and loyal members, Northern New York Conference has financially far exceeded the results of past years. Last November our Conference President, Mrs. I. L. Hunt, very generously offered each district one thousand dollars, if we would deplicate it, for the Building Fund of our Italian Settlement House in Utica, N. Y. Immediately committees were appointed and the work begun. February 1st the four thousand dollars were raised, with an extra five hundred, which, with Mrs. Hunt's four thousand, greatly diminished the debt on our Settlement House. Aside from this, our Conference Treasurer reports over sixteen thousand dollars sent the National Treasurer.

Addresses have been given representing our work at Conferences, conventions, camp-meetings. Dr. Haywood spoke for us at Thousand Islands Park. Circular letters, printed list of Conference pledges, reports, literature, and text-books have been lavishly distributed, and altogether we are sure a general knowledge of our work has been extended through the Conference.

Membership cards are being generously circulated, and we are praying and working for an increase in membership. We are sowing bountifully, and hope to reap accordingly.

(MRS.) A. C. DANFORTH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHWEST INDIANA.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of our Northwest Indiana Conference has experienced a year of substantial growth and increasing interest in the work. "Knowledge is power," and information regarding our work obtained through our various publications is resulting in the greater interest and consecration of our membership.

We are able to report a few new Auxiliaries, a larger membership, though our greatest growth is in the Young People's Department.

The report of our faithful, efficient Treasurer shows a financial increase that is gratifying.

Our District Meetings were exceptionally well attended, the reports encouraging and more complete—the evolution of a report is a means of growth.

Miss Josephine Corbin was with us in our District Meetings, giving fine addresses, inspiring our members by her zeal and enthusiasm. As an exponent of Home Missionary consecration, Miss Corbin's influence was felt throughout the Conference.

Our new Conference work in Gary among the foreigners has advanced satisfactorily, the field opening up in a marvelous way. The Methodists of Gary made the munificent gift to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of our Conference of three lots, valuation $3,000, upon condition that our Society erect thereon within eighteen months a mission house for Settlement Work. At our Conference Annual Meeting, held July 31st and August 1st, the gift was gratefully accepted, and we decided to erect the mission house to care for our growing work in this very strategic point in this great mission field of the Calumet region.

During the year a bequest in our Conference made possible the honoring of our first Conference President, Mrs. Roth, of South Bend, in the naming of the new settlement building at Cedartown, Ga., the Roth-McCarty School Building.

Miss Carrie Barge was our special speaker at Conference Annual Meeting, held at Battleground, the State Epworth League Convention uniting with our Home Missionary women in giving her a fine hearing for her evening address, July 31st, which advanced the cause of Home Missions among the young people of the State of Indiana.

At the Anniversary hour of the Woman's Home Missionary Society at our Battle Ground Camp-meeting, August 6th, Dr. Demetrius Tillotson, one of our able ministers, gave the address on our "General Work and the Immigrant," which was eloquent and logical, followed by Dr. Briggs, Superintendent of Hammond District, who told the story of Gary with telling effect. Gary is in Hammond District.

The Conference, District, and Auxiliary officers have been faithful and zealous the past year, each magnifying her office with good results. Some of our districts held mid-year meetings, resulting in good to the entire membership.

The past year has been one of privilege and responsibility, and with grateful hearts we look forward to a year of larger things to be accomplished in His name.

Mrs. W. Bent Wilson, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHWEST IOWA.

In looking over the past year's work we have mingled feelings of joy and regret—joy that in some things more has been accomplished than was hoped for, and regret that we have failed to do more.

We can not measure success numerically, for the most important part lies along the lines of education, of awakening in the heart of our women a live, intelligent interest in missions. "Missionary reading is missions succeeding." We find a growing interest in the study of the work and in that of the text-book.

Throughout the Conference the membership has increased in the Auxiliaries and Young People's Societies—the latter we believe to be the more important, for we deal with the women of to-morrow.

The ministrations of our National workers have each been an inspiration, and great good has been accomplished throughout the Conference. The young people are joining forces, and we are looking to them to take a larger part in the work.

During the spring conventions it was a joy to come in touch with the earnest consecration of our district officers carrying forward the work of the Master.

More and more are we convinced that it is profitable to give our best to God in service. "Opportunity is power; back of the work is God."

Mrs. J. S. Campbell, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHWEST KANSAS.

We as a Home Missionary organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church are marching on under God and holding high the blood-stained banner of the Prince of Peace.

And many are falling into line, and though we are yet in our teens, I am glad to say that with all our discouragements and misfortunes which have befallen us we number forty-six Auxiliaries. The Queen Esther Circles, Home Guards, and Mothers' Jewels will be reported by our Young People's Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Fisher, of Lebanon, Kan.

We trust that the efforts of the Executive Board will not be in vain, but that this little annual will prove to be a correct guide that will help us in our work through the Conference missionary year which will close in June, 1914.

Through the experiences that shall come to the workers, and by their prompt reports and accurate figures, we shall hope next year to get out something more worthy of attention.

I want to exhort all Auxiliaries to study this year the thirty-first Annual Report of our National Society and give strict heed to the Constitution and By-laws, which is found in the back of the Annual.

Our four districts are thoroughly organized, and each district has a full set of ambitious, energetic officers. We are expecting things to move faster in the days that are before us than they have in the past, when all of the work fell on but few earnest and faithful workers.

Miss Snider was with us in our four conventions held in April, and also made the annual address at Conference, and was a real inspiration to us, and we will be real glad to give her a hearty welcome when she can return to us sometime in the future.

Owing to the misfortunes that befell our Conference we cut down our pledges last year, and we have paid them all in full. I feel sure, though, some of our societies have not understood and have raised money under the name of the Home Missionary Society and applied it to other causes. I think some of our Queen Esther girls have even applied their dues to other than Home Missionary purposes.

Our God has promised to give wisdom and help us in all of the little things in life, and I firmly believe He will, and we will each try this year to do things right, so that those who are responsible may not be embarrassed in making reports.

We owe much to our faithful and consecrated Conference Deaconess, Miss Benedict, who has stood by us for the past seven years, for the growth and interest in Home Missions in our Conference, and for her earnest solicitation for our Home Missionary publications.

Too much could not be said for her zeal and sacrifices in God's service. We earnestly pray God's richest blessings upon her in her efforts to extend His Kingdom in the earth this missionary year.

I have been called upon to pass through deep waters this Conference year in the saying good-bye and laying away my dear husband, who had walked faithfully with me for thirty-eight years, and now, as I go the rest of the way without him, I shall not feel that I am alone, for the Lord God has promised to be with me even unto the end. and I expect to come off victorious at the last. I expect as far as possible henceforth to give all my time to His service, and will ge glad to meet with the Auxiliaries or help in any way I can to extend His Kingdom in the earth.

Yours for service,

MRS. ISAIAH MCDOWELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

OHIO.

The year just closed has been our best. You all know how our people suffered from the great flood that destroyed property of all kinds, homes, business places and the interiors of many of our beautiful churches, throughout the Conference. We were very anxious about our pledges on this account, but I rejoice to tell you that they have all been met and more, so that we feel like singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Mrs. Hill made the Anniversary Address in First Church, Columbus, where the Ohio Annual Conference was held. All felt that it was a rare treat to hear her. Miss Pearl Irene Waltz was with us at Portsmouth for our Woman's Home Missionary Society Annual Convention. She won the hearts of all, singing in her own sweet way, "Christ is All in All." She afterward served the Conference for four weeks doing excellent work, especially among the young people. After about two years of solicitation, Miss Nellie Snider worked for the Zanesville District two weeks, doing splendid work and pleasing them greatly. Mrs. Geo. Keen attended five of our District Meetings, making many friends for herself and Bennett Home. Owing to the effects of the flood we were not able to hold the Portsmouth District Meeting. The work done by our women at the time of the flood will never be known. The great work done by our faithful Deaconesses, forgetting self, always ready and willing to serve their Master.

During the year we gained eight Auxiliaries, six Circles, one Home Guard Band and two Jewel Bands. We want to be more thankful each year for the opportunity of being members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Mrs. E. W. Seeds, *Corresponding Secretary.*

OKLAHOMA.

Although we cannot record great things accomplished, the year has marked a steady growth in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The report of the Treasurer shows a gain in receipts over last year.

The great size of our Conference, which includes the entire State of Oklahoma and a part of Texas, makes the work of the Conference officers very difficult, and makes it impossible for many of the workers to attend the Conference Convention or come into touch with the workers. Two Districts are practically unorganized.

Very efficient service was rendered by Miss Mary Van Woert, Young People's Secretary, and by Miss Ida May De Witt, National Field Secretary, both of whom gave several weeks' labor in organizing and strengthening the work of organizations already formed.

Four new Auxiliaries were secured and several Queen Esther Circles and children's organizations.

The greatest increase in interest the past year has been in the Young People's Work. The membership has been doubled and finances increased.

Self-Denial Week was observed in part, as was also Home Mission Week.

One hopeful sign is the increasing interest in the work shown by our pasors and District Superintendents. In a state which is in the formative period there are great opportunities and also great obstacles to

surmount, but with these added responsibilities we hope to accomplish greater things the coming year, knowing that our great leader Jesus Christ has never known defeat. In His name we conquer.

Mrs. J. T. Warren, *Conference Corresponding Secretary.*

OREGON.

Our growth during the past year has not been so much in increased membership as in strengthening those we have. I feel with our National Secretary, that "the past year has been one of internal growth rather than external enlargement."

Our membership, as reported, is 1067, which is a small decrease from last year's report. This is due largely to the revision of membership rolls.

Our Treasurer's and Supply Secretaries' reports show decided financial gains over that of any other year in our history.

We have been fortunate in having two National Field Secretaries with us, and both have given us splendid service. Miss Greeta Leigh attended one District Meeting, secured 58 new members, organized Children and Young People's Work. We hope that greater emphasis will be placed upon the Young People's and Chidren's Work in our Conference.

The weeks spent in our Conference by Mrs. Cotton Mather have been of great value to our women. She attended three District Meetings, giving inspiration to those in attendance, organized, visited, and spoke to many audiences and Auxiliaries. The work of these two faithful women cannot be estimated in numbers. Their seed sowing will develop into a harvest in the future years of our work.

We are proud of our two institutions, the Old People's Home and the Portland Industrial Home. Auxiliaries have been most faithful in their work for both.

The day of Prayer and Self-Denial Week were observed by a large number of our Auxiliaries.

District and Auxiliary officers have been more prompt about their Quarterly Reports. We hope to continue improvement along this line.

It is with regret that I lay down this work that I love so well, but am glad my office has been given to one so worthy and capable as our new Secretary, Mrs. Cornelius. I trust she may have your hearty co-operation and prayers.

Tell the story, enthuse others to gain a better vision of the purpose of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Mrs. B. T. Kumler, *Retiring Corresponding Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA.

With praise on our lips for blessings granted and with prayer in our hearts for guidance needed, the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Philadelphia Conference reports a good year. We have advanced in number, in knowledge, and in interest in our work.

The increased attendance at our two days' sessions of Annual Meeting, our four Quarterly Meetings and our five District Annual Meetings emphasizes these facts. We credit our growth to the increasing efficiency of our District and Conference organizations.

Mrs. Joseph A. Hudson, our Young People's Secretary, and her five District Secretaries, are preparing a noble company of workers among our Young People. Their Rallies held regularly and reports are inspiring to those older in the field.

Our pledges to General Work and Student Aid were larger than ever and were generously met.

Our Philadelphia Deaconess Home has been a very center of wide-spread service for the Master. Men, women and children have there been led to find themselves and their Savior. Our twenty-four workers are going hither and yon in our great city, everywhere doing good "In His Name." We praise our blessed Lord for the privilege of calling this "Our Work."

More and more are thinking people realizing that we are not in this world for what we can get out of it, but for what we can put into it. Our Conference Society has taken for this year's slogan, "Increased Organization and Membership," realizing that each new member will be blessed and honored of God as she gives of herself in this branch of His Vineyard. Five new organizations already this fall give promise of the abundant harvest we are hoping to reap in 1913-14.

During the year our faithful and beloved Corresponding Secretary felt obliged to give up this office. For ten years we have followed her wise and inspiring leading. Her influence has made an everlasting impress upon our work and upon our women. We reluctantly accepted her resignation and prayerfully commended her to her larger work in the National Society.

Her successor makes her humble bow to her fellow-workers in this report, and trusts that grace and wisdom may be granted her to succeed such a leader fittingly presenting our beloved work and its great needs to our Conference.

Mrs. Seymour Eaton, *Corresponding Secretary.*

PITTSBURGH.

The work in the Pittsburgh Conference has been growing steadily during the past year, five new Auxiliaries have been organized, twenty-two new Queen Esther Circles and eight Bands and Jewels, making a total of 85 Auxiliaries, 1 Mission Circle, 7 Young Woman's Auxiliaries, 46 Queen Esthers, and 27 Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels.

The money to lift the $10,000 mortgage on our Deaconess Home is in hand, and will be paid early in October.

Our Annual Meeting in June was one of great rejoicing, as the last $1,000.00 was pledged on our Deaconess Home mortgage.

At the afternoon session pledges amounting to $450 were made for the work at Havlan, Kentucky, following an address by Rev. D. W. Brown; $300.00 of this goes to "Aiken Hall."

Deaconesses are working in the five missions under the care of the Church Union, and Settlement Work in a small way is being carried on with the Kindergarten in the Deaconess Home.

We have two missionaries working in the coke regions, and the other special works of our Conference, namely the Deaconess Work and the Elizabeth A. Bradley Children's Home at Halton, Pa., have been well cared for. Our obligations to the National Society's work have been met, and the interest shown in the schools and homes is growing.

Mrs. C. L. Weaver, of Portland, Oregon, spent six weeks with us

in the fall of 1912, and Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff ten days during April of this year. Much benefit was derived from both these visits.

The Temperance, Mite-box, Literature and Supply Departments have been well cared for and advanced by their respective Secretaries.

While not entirely satisfied with our work, we are not discouraged and hope for better results this coming year.

MRS. EDWARD H. UTLEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

PUGET SOUND.

The work of the past year in Puget Sound Conference has had many encouraging features, and we rejoice at the outlook for future usefulness. The Conference, District and Auxiliary officers have done thorough, conscientious work, and we have been especially favored with the services of Field Workers. In response to a request from our Conference, Miss Alice Hawthorne was appointed for field work here for four months, beginning October 1st.

Her charming personality, deep consecration and earnest zeal, have made many new friends for the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and greatly increased the knowledge and interest of the workers. During these four months she traveled 1,848 miles; made 137 addresses; raised over $300.00 for the Society; organized five new Auxiliaries, nine Queen Esther Circles, one Home Guard Band, and two Reading Circles, one of which was in a place where we had no Society, and it has a membership of fifty.

She secured several valuable leaders for Children's and Young People's Work, presented the cause of Home Missions before the sudents of Puget Sound University, Whitworth College (Presbyterian), Bellingham State Normal, and several high schools; endeavored to push Home Guard Work through the Junior Leagues and Sunday Schools, placed the Children's Paper in Sunday School; raised money to apply on our "bond," distributed mite-boxes, called on many pastors, and made herself generally useful wherever she went.

At the time of the Church Parliaments held here last spring, Miss Bertha Fowler visited Tacoma, Seattle and Stickney Day School, helping and inspiring our women, and giving many valuable suggestions for the betterment of the work.

Mrs. J. H. Parsons, our own Bureau Secretary, has traveled many miles and spoken often, not only in the interest of her Alaskan Bureau, but for the work in general. She has taken with her a number of times William Bayliss, one of the products of our Jessie Lee Home. Her work is deeply appreciated by the women of the Conference, and we desire to continue our interest in the work for Alaska.

We are able to report an increase of 72 Auxiliary members, 189 Queen Esthers,, 70 Home Guards, and 10 Mothers' Jewels, with a prospect of about 35 more Jewels in the near future. One of the new Queen Esther Circles is composed of Indian girls. They pledged two quilts for Navajo Mission and $1 for the new range at Jessie Lee Home.

Subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions* have increased from 436 to 488. I had asked and hoped that I might report 500 papers taken this year, and shall strive to increase the number of both papers very materially during the coming year.

Our study book on Mormonism has proven most interesting to our women; and we have placed it in some of our public libraries, had

several fine addresses on the subject, distributed much literature, and tried in many ways to open the eyes of the people, and arouse them to the dangers which threaten us from this abominable system.

Each of the five Districts, held profitable meetings in the spring; the Day of Prayer and Self-Denial Week were observed, and the Self-Denial offerings will be used to purchase a "bond" on the National Debt.

Though beset by the very strongest opposition, we regard the outlook for our Italian Settlement Work as more encouraging than at any time in the past. We expect very soon to secure for this work a graduate of one of the National Training Schools, who is especially fitted for work among the Italians, and our women are planning largely for the future of this institution.

We feel that the women of our Conference are developing a largeness of vision and a largeness of soul which will make failure an impossibility. They firmly believe in the cause of Home Missions, they have an abiding faith in the promises of God, and are willing to give of their time, talent and means for the sake of those who are without God and hope in the world. Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. P. Thomas, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE.

Rock River Conference has gained this year, not so much in new members, but in an active, better informed old membership, for we women are studying and working as never before.

Each District is led by very capable Presidents and Secretaries. To Southern District goes the honor of the largest membership, where it reports 941; to Northern District came the success of the Girls' Club enterprise and the assisting in making possible a city federation of churches; to Western goes the honor of being tthe pioneer in having a pledge service, and a big financial gain is to be reported; to Dixon comes the large responsibility of mothering the enterprise at Polo; to Joliet comes a new responsibility in the reopened Italian work in Joliet city, and to Rockford belongs the distinction of having the first Woman's Home Missionary Society School of Methods on record, and to Mrs. C. H. C. Burlingame goes unstinted praise and appreciation for single-handed did she work out a most successful program.

At Des Moines Rock River Conference made the largest pledge toward the National Debt, and it is with great satisfaction we report six hundred dollars, the amount pledged, completely raised.

During the year the Conference has had the aid and inspiration of Miss Nellie Snider and Miss Katherine Swartz, the former giving valuable service in her spicy Thank-offering addresses, the latter giving our women her truly great lectures on Mormonism.

The City Work will be found under the Marax Home and Rock River Conference Report, but the Conference Secretary takes this opportunity to record her appreciation of Mrs. M. M. Hubbell, Chairman and of the various sub-chairmen, for these women with the various Secretaries make an undaunted working force.

The Monthly Board Meetings have been more helpful, hence better attended than ever before, besides the routine work, and illuminating lecture in the Study Book has been delivered each meeting by Mrs. C. W. Poorman, and on several occasions we had as our guests prominent city workers, and the tie that binds has been strengthened!

Woman's Day at Desplaines has become established, and every year one thousand women go by special train to renew their Missionary zeal together. Dr. B. S. Haywood was the Home Missionary speaker and did credit to the Society which he represents. The women of the Home Missionary Society gave of themselves and their means most generously during the World in Chicago, which came in May of this fiscal year.

Mrs. C. L. Weaver had charge of all exhibits and aided in all departments of our work. The Queen Esther Circles of Southern District, under the leadership of Mrs. Fannie Ryan, put "America's Reception to the Nations" in the play hall many evenings to the delight of large audiences.

Representatives of our work came from all parts of the country—Mr. Baldwin from Alaska, Mrs. Keen from the southland. Miss Swartz came to help the very strong Anti-Mormon Committee in its telling work against Mormonism: Miss Price and Chapman came from the Spanish Work; Mrs. Elder came and told lovingly of her girls; Dr. and Mrs. Haywood told the strange stories of Porto Rico, and then on Methodist Day our Society put eleven speakers in for Woman's Hour.

The World in Chicago was a hard proposition because it took so much physical force, but in the renewed interest and in the new workers comes a plentiful recompense.

With undaunted courage and well abiding faith the Rock River Conference Sociey goes forward for bigger and better things.

Mrs. Dan B. Brummitt, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SAVANNAH.

As we review the work of the past year, we realize that we have not accomplished great things; yet we have enjoyed the blessings of God in many ways. At our Annual Meeting in December, 1912, at La Grange, Ga., our meeting was very profitable. We were very fortunate in having with us Mrs. M. C. B. Mason, who delivered the Annual Address to the Society. This lecture was full of religious enthusiasm and inspired all who heard it to greater activity. We also had with us Miss Bertha E. Losee, Superintendent of Boylan Home, Jacksonville, Fla. She made an interesting talk in behalf of the work. At the close of the meeting $5.00 was donated Mrs. Mason in behalf of the work. Another visitation was that of Miss Bessie M. Garrison, Field Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Beginning in February, Miss Garrison traveled through the entire Conference, making friends for the Society, organizing the new societies and adding new life and inspiration to the old ones. As a Conference we heartily appreciate Miss Garrison's faithful work and hope that the seed planted through her efforts may continue to grow and produce abundant fruit. Our President, Miss Sapp, has also busied herself in visiting the various religious gatherings of the church, and spoke in the interest of the work. This year we are glad to report an increase of 9 Auxiliaries, 136 members 49 new members to Queen Esther Circles, Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, 60; subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions,* 27; to *Children's Home Missions,* 5. Amount collected during the year, $145.35. I have visited as many local Auxiliaries as possible, and there seems to be an increased interest on the part of pastors and members. At each of our District Meetings our District Superintendents have co-operated with the District officers in the forward movement of the work. We are now

looking forward to our second Annual Convention at Barnesville, Ga., August 28th to 31st. We hope to materialize all plans arranged for the spiritual and financial uplift of the Society. We are trying to secure a greater list of subscribers to both of our excellent papers. We realize that one of the greatest hindrances to our people is the lack of reading. Reading promotes thought, thought promotes action; and the sooner we get our church literature into the hands of our boys and girls as well as adults, the sooner the influence of our work will spread far and near, and our people will no longer reluctantly give their pennies to this great cause, but they will abundantly pour their treasures into the storehouse of the Lord, and our effort will not be in vain in "winning America for Christ." MRS. MARY E. DENT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ST. JOHNS RIVER.

Our efficient organizer, Mrs. R. A. Carnine, has been especially blest in her efforts this past year. She has organized three Auxiliaries, two Queen Esthers, two Home Guards and three Mothers' Jewels Bands.

Our Conference Board has regular and busy meetings. We filled a half-day at the Ministers' Annual Conference, lead by our faithful Mrs. Carnine. We shall be represented at the National Meeting at Washington this year, and we do feel so grateful to our Blessed Master and Heavenly Father for using us in this work; for letting us have a part in saving the world for Christ.

We are proud to have our Conference name in the new Boston Immigrant Home, and on a room in the new Bennett Home. These are blessed monuments whose usefulness cannot be estimated. We enter the new year anxious to follow where our Blessed Master leadeth.

MRS. C. B. G. FOX, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ST. LOUIS.

With a keen sense of gratitude, we acknowledge the blessing of God upon the work of our Conference during the year just closed. Our territory embraces half the State of Missouri and our work is carried on largely by correspondence and the co-operation of the organized districts. During the year four District Conventions have been held and meetings have occurred monthly in more than thirty Auxiliaries. Who can measure the influence radiating from these centers—veritable "lights set upon a hill?" God's rain and sunshine and the prayerful sowing of gospel seed will ripen harvest in the kingdom of souls.

The Conference Anniversary Address was made by Dr. C. B. Spencer, our President's "right hand." The Annual Meeting was held at Springfield, Mo., and was also the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Society of the church in which it was held, Dever Benton. Sister Ellen Burge, who gave us Burge Hospital, has been one of our officers all these years and is today its center of activity. We are indebted especially to Rev. Chesteen Smith and Dr. Samuel Blair, who left their charges in Kansas City and Carthage to deliver addresses at this meeting.

During November we had itineraries under Mrs. Weaver, Miss DeWitt, Mrs. Onstott, and Miss Dunlap, which greatly built up our work, enabling us to report this year eighteen new Societies as follows: Two

Auxiliaries, six Queen Esther Circles, seven Home Guards, three Jewel Bands.

We have enrolled seventeen hundred and three (1703) members, a net gain of about two hundred. In subscriptions, about 31 per cent take *"Woman's Home Missions,"* but we have fallen low in subscriptions to children's paper. Ten Societies report fifty to one hundred per cent as taking *"Woman's Home Mission."* The study of Mormonism has aroused the interest of all the adult societies, and the text-book has been used. Reading Circles are forming and tithing lists will be reported next year. Our Department on Evangelization will keep before us the goal of our Society, the "salvation of souls."

We are proud to have Schoelkopf Hall Kansas City Training School within our bounds and to share with the National Society proprietary ownership.

The ministrations of Burge Deaconess Hospital have been far reaching.

The Methodist Episcopal Home for Girls in St. Louis, our affiliated work, has lately acquired new quarters, having purchased a larger building with modern equipment, whereby they can accommodate twenty-five instead of seventeen girls.

The St. Louis Conference Action, accepting this Home as Conference Work, was ratified by the Board of Managers and a conditional appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars was granted.

Our pledges amounted to three thousand, four hundred and twenty-one dollars and fifty cents ($3,421.50), and extended to twenty-four stations. Unusual interest was manifested in "supplies" and generous gifts of books, pictures, bedding and kitchen furniture, amounting to three hundred and five dollars and thirty cents ($305.30) were sent out by Young People's Societies. The Supply Secretary reported eleven hundred and eighty-six dollars ($1186.00) from about half the Societies.

Dues amounted to one thousand thirty-six dollars and twenty-six cents ($1,036.26).

The Kansas City National Training School leads in the mite-box offerings, their contributions amounting to $280.60.

The year opens full of promise, and we look forward with hope that at its close we may lay down many golden sheaves at the feet of our Master. MRS. C. M. WOODS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTH CAROLINA.

This has been the best of our four years' work. Several new Auxiliaries, Queen Esthers, and Mothers' Jewel Bands have been organized. The older Auxiliaries are better informed, more money raised and more help given.

One Auxiliary maintained a scholarship at Browning Home, another is promised for the new school year.

Reports show an increase in membership and subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions.*

Our Annual Meeting, July 4th, 5th and 6th, was full of inspiration. As our women become better informed they are more interested. Systematic Beneficience met their hearty approval.

Miss Bessie M. Garrison was with us and gave excellent service. All who came to be informed concerning the work went home carrying new zeal and ideas, with pledges for another year's work. With earnest

prayers we look forward to another year's work with gratitude, praying to be used to better the condition of those for whom this great movement was inaugurated.

Mrs. M. F. B. Cottingham, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTH KANSAS.

Our Conference has held her own in most respects during the past year and in some lines we are proud of our increase. We feel that there is a deeper consecration for the work that is going to mean much to the Society as year succeeds year.

Much of this impulse is certainly due to the wonderful address of Mrs. Celestine Bernheim before the Ministerial Conference in March. Her story also paved the way for the impressive consecration service on Sunday afternoon among the ministers and laity. An offering of $100 shows with what interest her message was received.

In the month of June the Conference was greatly favored by the presence and work of Mrs. May C. Bliss with her addresses on Home Missionary Work and her illustrated lecture on Mormonism. She brought a message of instruction and enlightenment concerning this great menace that was greatly needed.

Her presence and help were also appreciated at our Annual Convention in Pittsburgh. At this meeting Miss Eunice Britt represented the Kansas City National Training School and Rev. H. W. Hargett of Emporia spoke on the "Larger Patriotism." The Convention felt the importance of the meeting, knowing that in another year it would have no existence as a South Kansas Conference, but would find itself merged next spring into the greater Kansas Conference. With this thought in mind we were glad to make two special pledges; one of $250, to furnish a room in Sibley Hospital, and one of $500 to furnish the kitchen in Schoelkopf Hall.

The Corresponding Secretary reported an increase of two Auxiliaries, deplored a loss of twenty-three members; but was grateful for an increase of twenty-two subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions* and one hundred and sixty-four mite-boxes distributed.

The Treasurer reported $2,871.65 for the year's receipts; a gain of almost $300 over last year.

The Secretary of Supplies also reported a gain of $378 over the report of last year—her books showing a cash value in supplies of $471.10.

Much interest is shown throughout the Conference in the work among the foreign element around Pittsburgh. We hope soon to have the work started on a permanent basis, though much good work is already being done.

As the last message from the South Kansas Conference, we want to be ever found working shoulder to shoulder with our Sister Conference, and we pray that in the union there may be strength and greater results for the Master's vineyard.

Mrs. J. Luther Taylor, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Another year of faithful service has been given to the Master by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Southern California Conference. It is recorded in the consecrated efforts of the loyal members of the Auxiliaries and their officers, as well as the District and Con-

ference officers. In looking back over the year's work, my heart goes out in gratitude to Almighty God for the co-operation and loyalty of this band of noble women.

Over sixty girls have been trained and cared for in our Frances De Pauw Spanish Industrial School during the year. All who register as pupils in this Christian Home soon feel its hallowed influence, and try to win the love and esteem of their teachers.

Our David and Marguerite Home for Children has had a year of splendid success. "There have been no deaths, nor accidents, no serious illness nor epidemic of disease," so wrote the Superintendent to me a few days ago. God has wonderfully blest and cared for this work during the year.

This Home is a real Godsend to the children privileged to come beneath its roof.

Our Hospital has had the best year in its history. The prospect of a $100,000 building being erected in the near future means enlarged opportunities of great usefulness in all lines of hospital work. Those of us who have followed down through the years with prayers and work, since the first starting of the one-room hospital in 1903, rejoice with those who have stood at the front of the battle, with their broad faith and clear vision, are now about to see their hopes realized.

Our Chinese work under the efficient leadership of our missionary and teacher, Miss Mary Stewart, is making advancement. She is much beloved by this people, and she very much feels the need of a native Bible woman to assist her in this very important work.

Our Jane Couch Memorial Home for Japanese women and children stands as a "beacon light" to them, because it leads to Christian shelter and training. But our problems for this work are still unsolved. We cannot do for this people what we should until we are so situated that we can have a kindergarten and day nursery for the children, Mothers' Meetings and Bible Classes for the women. The Annual Report of the Yuma Indian work sent to me by our missionary to them, Mr. Crouch, shows that the tide has turned with the coming of the new Government Agent. Peace and harmony reign now, where jealousy, hatred and discord once had full sway. Blind Joe is very happy in a Savior's love, and while he has always interpreted Mr. Crouch's sermons, yet he never would interpret a prayer. He said "he was not good enough." But since giving his heart to God, he not only interprets the prayer, but follows it with an earnest prayer of his own words, and makes a regular exhortation at the close of Mr. Crouch's sermons. The life and influence of this consecrated man and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Crouch, have been of untold value to this people, and while his life has been threatened, he has stood loyal by his post of duty, and God is now rewarding him by allowing him to see these people happy in a Savior's love.

Our Deaconess Home is presided over by Miss Chaffie as Superintendent, in the absence of a regular Superintendent, and she has a very happy household, each one trying to do her part in lending a helping hand to make the world better and brighter. Miss Steel, who spent so many years in active service for the Master, in our Deaconess work, is the much beloved matron at our Wing Rest Home, Huntington Beach, where she extends a cordial welcome to the Deaconesses and friends. The cheerful and neatly kept home is indeed a "haven of rest," whether it be for a day or a month.

I am most happy to report that our San Pedro property is now out of debt. This was made possible by an annuity gift; part of which was used for this purpose. The Home is comfortably and substantially

furnished, and our Miss Sanborn as Superintendent of the Home is very happy, and she is kept busy among the sailors, and some rescue work has been developed.

Our San Diego Industrial Mission has had a year of great prosperity. A $6,500 property was purchased by order of your Board of Trustees. Thirty-five hundred dollars has been paid thereon, $2,400 by the Conference and $1,000 of it raised by the ladies of San Diego, and $100 donated by the former owner. Seven hundred dollars of the $1,000 asked for as a special gift to meet this first payment was raised by the Auxiliaries, but we kindly urge all who have not contributed toward the above amount to do so as soon as possible, as the $300 lacking had to be borrowed, and must shortly be repaid. Work will be opened in the building as soon as the Trustees deem it wise.

The National Day of Prayer was observed by the District with very helpful and instructive programs. District Rallies, Conference Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, Annual Conventions, have all been held with excellent reports, stirring and instructive addresses and the spirit of the Master was felt to be present.

The Thank-offering has been very generally taken. Mrs. M. Libby Allen, Mrs. E. L. Miller, Miss Charnock and others, have rendered valuable service, and were rewarded by splendid collections.

The finances of the year as shown by our Conference Treasurer's report, in spite of the discouragements in the early part of the year, far exceeds anything we dared think or dream. God bless these noble Auxiliary women who have so faithfully planned and sacrificed to meet their pledges for the year, that their Master's work might not suffer because of any neglect on their part.

Our Young People's Work, under the leadership of our efficient Conference Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Miller, has made splendid advancement during the year. These dear girls are happy to help give the thousands less favored than they a chance to obtain a Christian education.

Eight Auxiliaries have been organized during the year, with 139 members. A number of Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels Bands have been organized, but the Secretaries have not reported to me of this work.

The report of our membership is very incomplete. But as reported to me, Auxiliary members, 5,022; 1,336 in our Young Woman's and Queen Esther Circles, making a grand total of 6,358.

The splendid achievement for the year is no doubt the result of greater knowledge gained by the reading and study of our literature, as shown in the distribution of thousands of leaflets and the use of hundreds of Study Books. Fifteen hundred and thirty-nine *Woman's Home Missions* are reported taken and 1,009 *Children's Missions*.

Six thousand mite-boxes have been distributed this year. I am certain if we had received reports from all of these boxes the National Banner would be ours this year.

As reported to us, we have had fifty-six Mothers' Jewels Life Members, eight Junior, three Queen Esther and four Auxiliary Life Members.

We made arrangements with proper officials to have a representative from our Society to look after our interests, and present different lines of our work at the three Camp Meetings within the bounds of our Conference. We were ably represented by Mrs. M. Libby Allen and Mrs. P. H. Bodkin. Both of these women did excellent work and the educational efforts and seed sowing will bring forth the results in the future.

It will be impossible for your Corresponding Secretary to report every detail of the work she has done this year. She has given her un-

divided time and best thought to the work, has looked after every interest; and tried to advance all lines when and where it has been possible to do so. She has spoken before 56 Auxiliaries, addressed several Sabbath morning services, prayer meetings and Sunday Schools, attended eight District Meetings, and 13 Board Meetings, secured fifty-six members and thirty-five subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions,* organized one Auxiliary with fifteen members and nine subscriptions to our paper; written 1,350 letters, 375 post cards and mailed 600 circular letters, and personally distributed and sent by mail over 9,000 leaflets. The days and weeks have been all too short to accomplish all that I had hoped to do for our beloved Society.

MRS. JOHN B. GREEN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTHERN GERMAN.

We cannot report great things, but a steady growth in the bounds of our Conference. Our German brethren are the kind who rush into a proposition without proper consideration, and then drop it. They are very conservative, but when they do undertake anything they push it to a successful culmination. There has never been more information, inspiration and co-operation in the work than now.

We owe a great debt to Mrs. E. L. Knostman, Field Secretary, who spent weeks in the charges of our Conference in the interests of the Society. She made good in every respect. She captured the good will of our pastors. They speak words of praise of her work. Most of our charges are not ready to organize an Auxiliary, but they will do so in the near future. All, I think, will take an offering this year for the work.

About sixty letters and cards were written in the interest of the work, and hundreds of pieces of literature distributed. We expect a goodly increase in the amount of money over last year at our Annual Conference in November. At our last Conference we were able to report $143.00 as against $71.00 in the preceding year, an increase of a little over 100 per cent.

While we cannot go out among our people and speak about this work as we would like to do, yet whenever opportunity offers we do what we can.

MRS. E. F. SCHUESSLER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

Both observation and statistics prove that the work in Southern Illinois Conference has been of steady growth and the past year has been no exception. Last year 37 Auxiliaries with 112 members were reported; this year 42 Auxiliaries with 1,210 members.

Miss Olivia Dunlap, our Field Secretary, has made many friends for Home Missions and added 19 Queen Esther Circles, 2 Home Guards and one Mothers' Jewel Band. Many of them need revisiting to give them the much needed start.

Our Secretary of Young People's Work is laying a splendid foundation on which we may expect a solid structure in days to come.

Last year by September the Supplies amounted to $1,238.00. This year by June it had reached $1,401.00 and incomplete. Last year the cash amount was $3,577.00. This year it will be $4,000.

One year ago the Slavonic Mission at East St. Louis was our only interest at home, and that in a rented cottage. Since then we have become the owners of two splendid lots and are gathering money to erect a modest but substantial building for Settlement Work. The work has outgrown its present equipment and the demands for a building are imperative. Miss Mary E. Gould, the efficient Deaconess in charge, has trained a Queen Esther girl, who assists her. The Board felt the work needed *publicity* and sent Miss Gould to all of the District Conferences—District Epworth League Conventions as well as our own Conventions—of which latter there was one in each of the six Districts for the first time.

The Holden Memorial Hospital at Litchfield, Ill., was a gift of a beautiful home, which was enlarged and renovated and opened for service six months from the day of its acceptance. It is now valued at $15,000.00. The first month's report was very encouraging. Rev. Victor Thrall represented this new interest at all the Detroit meetings. Miss C. K. Swartz spent one week in this Conference raising money for the Hospital; she will return to us in September. Mrs. Bliss made an itinerary touching eleven points with her lecture on Mormonism. Indeed this has been a busy year and much seed sowing; after the planting and the watering our faith looks to Him who giveth the increase. Our times are in His hands.

Mrs. H. C. Mitchell, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTHWEST KANSAS.

We are glad to report advancement along all lines of work connected with the Woman's Home Missionary Society. We have six Districts in our Conference Society, well organized and doing excellent work.

Nine new Auxiliaries and three Circles were organized during the year. Mrs. Fannie Lynch, our Conference President, is also the Conference Organizer, and has given largely of her time and strength to this work, having organized all but two of the Auxiliaries and one of the Circles.

Effective work has been done through our Supply Department within the bounds of our own Conference, and but for the help of our Woman's Home Missionary Society some of our pastors could not have stayed on their work the past year. Many of our Auxiliaries observed "Thank-offering," also "Day of Prayer" and "Self-denial week."

Our Conference Anniversary at Wichita in March was one of the best ever held. A fine audience, addressed by Mrs. Jacob Bernheim, of Chicago, seemed eager to hear of the work, and responded with a good collection.

We held our Annual Convention at Sterling in June. It was a very instructive and enthusiastic Convention. The first evening was devoted to the Young People and following their program, the lecture with stereopticon views on Mormonism was given. The second evening an eloquent address was given by Dr. J. W. Abel of First Church, Hutchinson.

To celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversary as a Conference organization we took as special work for the year two tents for tubercular patients at Harwood Hospital, Alberquerque, N. M., at $200 each.

Systematic Beneficience under a strong leader is gaining recognition. Interest is manifested in our Deaconess Home and Training School by the generous pledge made annually toward its support by the Conference

Society. We are not satisfied with our achievements in Young People's and Children's Work for the past year. but plans for advancement are being made for this work the coming year.

We are praying for "Showers of Blessings" this coming year.

MRS. NETTIE TEDRICK, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TENNESSEE.

The outlook for the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Tennessee Conference is more encouraging at present than it has been for some time, and we are expecting renewed activity for the coming year. We regret that so little has been done in the past, but new plans are being formed which we believe will arouse interest and build up the work over our territory.

A very successful Annual Meeting was held in Nashville in July, which was well attended and was a source of inspiration. This meeting was the first we have had of its kind in that it was separate and distinct from other bodies, thus allowing more time for the subjects discussed and creating more enthusiasm than has heretofore been manifested. We believe that it marks a new era for us. There were well-prepared papers both by local members and representatives of other Auxiliaries, as well as a number of inspiring addresses by prominent visitors.

Among the various subjects considered was that of providing means to send out some one capable of reviving our inactive Auxiliaries and organizing new ones. This has been the great need of the work.

Miss Bessie M. Garrison's recent visit to us and her thrilling addresses made us feel deeply the need of more thorough consecration to the work of the Master. We are hoping that the women of the Tennessee Conference may hereafter make better use of the opportunity the Woman's Home Missionary Society gives them to help uplift humanity.

MRS. IDA B. LUCKIE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TROY.

This year the greatest advance in the five Districts of our Conference is shown in Plattsburgh District, where we have three new Auxiliaries, and six new Queen Esther Circles, all this as the result of the work done by our Superintendent of Deaconess Home, Miss Mary E. Whitehead.

"Things" all through the Conference are working smoothly; the regular District Conventions have been held, and camp meetings well attended. We were well represented at Conference by Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, who also visited and spoke at four of our District Conventions.

The work at our Deaconess and Settlement Homes in Albany is still progressing. Although this may appear in our report of E. W. Griffin Home, I must speak of the great-heartedness of the people of West Hebron. Having an empty parsonage, they offered the use of it to Miss Whitehead for two months during the hot weather for a "fresh air" home for the children who came to the Settlement Home. They furnished beds, a cow (with pasturage), and boy to care for it, all the vegetables, bread, etc., and a hot chicken dinner each Sabbath Day. In fact, they did innumerable things to make it possible that so many little

ones and some of their mothers could have at least two weeks of pure country air. While they do not have a large flourishing Auxiliary at West Hebron, we know that the ladies and men of that little country village are adepts in the art of Home Missionary Work.

Mrs. M. B. Hutton, *Corresponding Secretary.*

UPPER IOWA.

I was permitted to attend our six District Conventions, which was a great help in coming into personal touch with the District officers. The Districts are well officered with women whose hearts are in the work. As usual, our Conference Meeting was held at the close of the last District Meeting. With this plan each District has the Conference Meeting once in six years. The Conference delegate to the Annual Meeting of Board of Managers is elected from the District entertaining the Conference Meeting. Mrs. Annie H. Woodcock rendered valuable assistance throughout the Conventions. Mrs. Geo. W. Keene, Superintendent of Bennett Industrial Home, was at four of our District Meetings. She interested the Auxiliaries in the new Bennett Home and the Conference pledged one thousand dollars to the new building, to be paid during 1913-14. We are happy to report an increase in *paid* membership dues. A substantial advance is shown in the financial report.

We regret lack of leaders for young people and the children. Could the women be led to see their opportunity it would be easy to double the work in these departments.

We have not accomplished all that we desired, yet the results of the year's work are very encouraging.

Mrs W. C. Hayward, *Corresponding Secretary.*

UPPER MISSISSIPPI.

This is my third milestone in the Conference. Taking a retrospective view of the stones passed, I find much to be thankful for and some things to regret. Thankful because the pastors are seeing the work in a new light, expressing a desire to have us organize in their charges and giving us a welcome. In spite of the many hardships they have to face in their charges, they are willing to share whatever they can with us in this work.

We are glad to report six new Auxiliaries, several revived. A goodly number of new subscribers to the papers, sixty Annuals distributed, many leaflets and over $800.00 raised for the work. Standing in the midst of these poor charges, a desert of finance as it were on every side, hearing the appeals for education, we have made special and prayerful efforts and as a result more than $600.00 was raised for the E. L. Rust Home, which has been used in the new wing. Miss E. M. Becker and Miss Barber, faithful workers in the Home, have helped us in this endeavor. We are indebted to Mrs. E. H. McKissack for $100.00 and to Prof. J. A. Q. Williams for $10.00 We regret that some reports of money raised do not reach the proper officers in time, but this may be due to the fact that many members are without the Hand-book, which would give them this desired information as to making reports.

But I see a rift in the clouds, signs of a brighter day, when all members and officers will be equipped with the necessary working material

and the administration of the Conference work will be easier and more satisfactory and

"God's purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour.
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower."

MRS. A. S. GRAY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

VERMONT.

Another year with its opportunities, successes and failures has passed, and may each member ask herself if she has been true to her trust. All pledges have been met and the debt reduced on our Deaconess Home.

The Society was ably represented at the Annual Meeting and Conference Anniversary by Rev. Peter Toback, of St. Johnsburg. His subject was "Leaves from an Immigrant's Diary." The District Meetings by Mrs. Anna O. Lark, of Boston, and our President, Mrs. Webb. At the Camp Meetings by Dr. Benj. S. Haywood, of Washington, D. C. Four Deaconesses have been employed and special interest taken in our state work among the Italians in Barre.

MRS. V. A. FRISH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WASHINGTON.

The past has been the best year of our thirteen years of organization. Although all our plans and purposes have not been realized, each effort put forth has brought good results.

The correspondence of the year has been encouraging and shows love and real joy in service for the Master.

The "going home" of Mrs. Eliza J. Cummings, one of the founders and local organizers of our Society, brought sadness to our hearts; but the Divine Hand has gently led us on and five new Auxiliaries have been organized and many *weak ones strengthened.* As a result we have 450 (financial) Auxiliary members, 80 new members; 10 of whom have paid their dues.

Home Mission Week was a great inspiration. Prior to November 17th six parlor meetings were held and three mass meetings, at which time several important phases of the work were discussed. The mass meetings were addressed by Mrs. James Gilbert and Mrs. Clara Roach of the Baltimore Conference. The Young People's Meeting was addressed by Mrs. David Dailey, Jr., General Secretary for Young People's Work. Her strong and impressive plea gave great inspiration and encouragement to the large number of Queen Esther Girls present, as well as Auxiliary members.

Self-denial Week was eminently successful. Evangelistic services followed by Love Feast under the direction of Mrs. Johanna Tascoe. Evangelistic Secretary, were deeply spiritual, after which an *ingathering* of envelopes resulted in $50.00 for the Auxiliaries' Bond and $34.55 raised by the Queen Esther Circles for the building fund of Thayer Home.

Our Conference Anniversary was an enthusiastic occasion. Dr. Benjamin F. Haywood, Field Secretary and Financial Agent for Sibley Memorial Hospital, addressed a *large* and appreciative audience. His earnest, forceful and sympathetic appeal soon won the hearts of the great au-

dience, and will long be remembered. From this occasion many of our feeble Auxiliaries took on new life and activity, fruitful of good results.

Cash to the General Fund this year; dues, $450.00, as against $379.00 last year; Student Aid, $280.00, as against $230.00; Bond pledge, $50.00; Queen Esthers, $34.55 for the building fund of Thayer Home. Life Membership for Secretary Miss Ida R. Cummings. Secretary for Young People's Work, $15.00; printing, $1.00; General Contingent, $7.00; Grand Total *Cash* to General Fund $837.55 as against $609.91 last year.

Our Young People's Work under direction of Miss Cummings, has been very commendable, besides making large advancements in *cash* contributions, they have increased their membership by 115 over last year. "In confidence and quietness shall be your strength."

MISS ANNIE R. JOHNSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST NEBRASKA.

There are thirteen Auxiliaries in the West Nebraska Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society with 253 Auxiliary members. Two new Auxiliaries have been organized this year by our Deaconess, Miss Hartman, who has done very acceptable work in the Conference.

We have paid $100.00 on Bancroft Chapel during the year. Our receipts for the year show a gain over last year in spite of drouth conditions. We hope for better things next year.

MRS. B. F. GAITHER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST TEXAS.

We thank God for all His loving kindness to us this year. We have paid all pledges, and have increased our gifts to the General Fund. Our Anniversary was held December 10th, 1912, with fifty delegates, all officers present. I spent the summer months visiting the six District Conferences and Auxiliaries. Three new Auxiliaries have been organized. We now look forward to the building of a twenty-thousand dollar Eliza Del Home, and pray we may succeed in the near future.

MRS. E. SPRIGGS RATLIFF, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST VIRGINIA.

During the past year our work has grown in strength and numbers. Three new Auxiliaries and three Circles, making 30 Auxiliaries and 19 Circles. One new District was organized, and the Annual Meeting at Mt. Lake Park was an inspiration with Miss May C. Bliss and Ward Platt to help us.

Our various state officers are getting hold of the work and making good headway. Our Secretary of Reading Circles wants 1,000 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* for next year.

Two of our splendid West Virginia girls are being supported in the National Training School in Washington by our ladies. Our Mary Kacmar is doing good work among the foreigners in Benwood and Wheeling, and we are being able to meet her salary as well as help some of the other Schools and Homes.

Over $2,000.00 has passed through the Treasurer's hands, and the

Conference has given over $1,600.00 to our Deaconess Home at Bridgeport.

The spiritual part of the work is being emphasized, and we are trusting and working for greater advancement in all lines. There is much we can do. May we never falter nor fail, but ever press forward.

Miss Pearl Dorsey, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST WISCONSIN.

We come again to the close of the year and wish we might report a larger gain. We have made some advance but it falls far short of our aim.

Miss Ida M. DeWitt and Mrs. H. S. Hollingsworth of Des Moines have given us good service during the year.

Six new Auxiliaries and three Queen Esther Circles and two Jewel Bands have been organized this year.

Some of the old Auxiliaries have made advance while others have fallen below.

For several years the Conference has been doing some work among the Chippewa Indians at Odanah. This year we have opened a school and put two consecrated teachers in charge. The work is hard, but we trust it will be productive of much good toward the uplift of these Indian boys and girls.

We are thankful for this year of service and trust the coming year will see larger results than the one just past.

(Miss) Carrie Hazzard, *Coresponding Secretary.*

WILMINGTON.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Wilmington Conference, at its Annual Meeting in November, at Dover, Del., was called to change its officers again, owing to the removal of our President, Mrs. J. Talley Smith, to Florida. Our loss is Florida's gain. Our former Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Emma L. Weldin, was elected President, and the writer Corresponding Secretary.

The work of our Conference organization shows increased and intelligent interest, although our membership has decreased, owing to death and removals, which counterbalances the increase in many of our Auxiliaries. The Young People's Work is advancing under Miss Bertha Ernest's devoted efforts, with four new Circles, two companies of Home Guards, and one society of Mothers' Jewels added this last year.

All pledges have been paid, for which we are deeply grateful. When the pocket books of our people are opened to Him who taught us it is more blessed to give than receive, then we know the temperature of their hearts.

Mrs. Margaret Sweet, Superintendent of our Deaconess Home, and Miss Sarah Weldin, of Wilmington, have visited the camp-meetings held throughout our Conference territory, presenting the work in the most interesting and instructive way. One Auxiliary has been organized, with several prospective ones. We are praying for a golden harvest from this diligent and faithful seed-sowing.

The crowning feature of the year has been the purchase of a property at 307 West Street, Wilmington, Del., by Mrs. Jennie Riddle Field, the

use of which has been tendered the Woman's Home Missionary Society for Deaconess Work. The cash price, $5,500, paid by the donor, with $300 additional for repairs and $1.500 in furnishings paid by our Society, gives us a very complete equipment for the much needed work. It is to be known as the "Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home."

The goal of our ambition may not be given us—an Auxiliary on every charge in the Conference—but we do ask for continued zeal in this glorious cause "for the love of Christ and in His name."

ELIZABETH C. SHEPHERD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WISCONSIN.

Wisconsin Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society is making an advance over any previous year of its history. A goodly number of new members have been gained, and several Young People's societies organized.

An address of great merit was given at the annual camp-meeting, at Byron, by Rev. E. T. Hagerman.

Mrs. A. J. Benjamin, Conference Field Secretary, has visited many localities where our blessed work was little known. We expect the good seed thus sown will in time bear Auxiliaries and Young People's societies.

As guests at our Annual Meeting, in May, we had Mrs. Geo. W. Keen, of Mathisson, Miss., and Mrs. Chas. L. Weaver, who greatly inspired our sisters. The latter made several visits to us that resulted in new members.

Our Supply Work has been ably conducted by Mrs. F. W. Houghton. We are happy for the privilege of doing what we can to make "America God's country."

Our most worthy Conference Treasurer gives to us a larger total than before known. We regret not to be stronger in numbers and finance, that we might give substantial aid to many more places of work under the care of our Bureau Secretaries. Our hearts deeply sympathize with them. However, we are hopefully taking up the duties of the new year for "love of Christ and in His name."

MRS. JOHN TAYLOR, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WYOMING.

The past year has been one of activity and progress. Early in the year Mrs. N. W. Bass did most effective service in the Conference in organizing new and strengthening old Auxiliaries. Miss Mary Van Woert, Field Secretary for Young People's Work, was in our Conference for several weeks and organized six Queen Esther Circles, besides addressing a number of our Young People's societies. Several other Circles have been formed during the year, making a total of twelve new Circles. Two Home Guards and one Mothers' Jewel Bands have been added to our number.

The amount of money paid in pledges was increased $450 this year; $600 was paid on the bond assumed two years ago, thus completing our share of $1,000; $300 was raised in the Self-Denial offering.

The Conference Convention was held early in November, at First Church, Wilkesbarre, Pa. Dr. Haywood was with us, and presented the needs of Sibley Hospital so urgently that a pledge of $250 for a Wyoming

Conference room in the hospital was taken, which amount has been practically raised this year.

At the Conference Anniversary, in April, held in the same church, Mrs. May C. Bliss gave the address, which was most enthusiastically spoken of by all who heard it. We are planning for Mrs. Bliss to give her illustrated lecture on Mormonism before different Auxiliares of our Conference from October 23d to 31st.

The Wyoming Conference Deaconess Home, at Binghamton, N. Y., established in May, 1912, has prospered in its growth. The cost of the Home, with repairs, was $3,500, all of which has been paid except $216. During the year a new furnace was installed at a cost of $300, of which $184 was paid, leaving a total indebtedness of $400. At the anniversary Day of Prayer one young lady, about to graduate from the high school, offered herself for Deaconess Work. Miss Margaret Bell has done very efficient service as Conference worker since September, 1912, and in June of this year went to the Centenary Church, Binghamton, as assistant. Miss Mary Chaplin is proving very successful in the work among the foreigners of Clinton Street. Miss Emaline E. Garrett, from Mothers' Jewels Home in York, Neb., is now in the Home as Conference Worker, and Miss Mary De Groat, from Rust Hall, has just come into the Home as Superintendent.

The Italian Work in our Conference is growing in importance and needs. Mission work is carried on at three points—Wilkesbarre, Scranton, and Carbondale. In addition to the preaching services and Sunday schools, night schools, sewing classes, kindergarten classes, a mothers' class, Boys' Social Club, and Loyal Temperance Legion have been organized. Yet we feel that only a beginning has been made in this important work. Truly the doors of opportunity for Foreign Missionary work have been opened wide to us in the homeland; may we enter in the name of the Master and do His bidding!

Mrs. E. A. Martin, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Organization.

(Mrs. C. L. Weaver, Field Secretary.)

My work the past year has been in seven Conferences: Pittsburgh, Indiana, Rock River, Wisconsin, Iowa, Des Moines, and St. Louis. I organized three Auxiliaries and four Queen Esther Circles; secured 419 Auxiliary members, 62 Queen Esther and 16 Mothers' Jewels Life-members; spoke in 98 regular Church services, besides addressing 6 Sunday schools, 3 Epworth Leagues, and several prayer-meetings; attended 3 Conference Conventions, 12 District Conventions, 2 camp-meetings, several Conference Board meetings, numerous mass meetings, councils, receptions, and 1 Ministerial Conference.

I have secured numerous pledges for scholarships, and more than 30 Thank-offerings, aggregating many hundreds of dollars. To accomplish these things I have traveled more than 30,000 miles.

I spent several weeks and much nervous energy in collecting our exhibit for "The World in Chicago," and spent 27 days in Chicago installing and looking after the same. On another page in this Year-book will be found a report of my work as Chairman of Permanent Exhibits.

(Mrs. N. W. Bass Santee, Field Secretary.)

Three and one-half months have been given to the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society during the past year. Have spoken at 1 Conference Convention, 6 District Meetings, 3 Sub-district Meetings, 1 Epworth League Convention, 2 Ministerial Meetings, 2 Foreign Missionary gatherings, 1 Young People's rally. As I went from Church to Church in the Wyoming and Central New York Conference, I found a growing desire to know more of our country's needs and to get the broader vision that takes in "the whole wide world for Jesus." For, as Bishop Goodsell said, "To make the United States truly Christian is to give Jesus Christ the headship of the world."

I secured 330 Auxiliary members, 28 Queen Esther members; distributed much literature, and secured several subscribers for our papers. The middle of December I had an attack of Grippe, which held me fast for several weeks and made it necessary for me to "hie me away to the sunny South." I have found a "haven of rest" in the home of Rev. J. B. Santee (a retired minister), and hereafter my address will be, Mrs. N. W. B. Santee, St. Cloud, Florida. I have lost none of my interest in *our loved work,* and am trying as best I can in this new town and new Church to increase its interests and give information to those about me.

(Miss Ida M. DeWitt, Field Secretary.)

As I present the record of my first year as a Field Secretary my heart is filled with gratitude for the year of opportunity. My work has been within the bounds of five Conferences, viz.: St. Louis, West Wisconsin, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and Michigan. Miles traveled, 12,130; Auxiliaries organized, 8; new members, 130; Queen Esthers organized, 10; new members, 120; Home Guards organized, 8; new members, 153; organized 1 College Auxiliary, 13 Reading Circles, 31 Mothers'

Jewels; subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions,* 190; subscribers to *Children's Home Missions,* 186; calls, 98; letters, 305. Addresses at Annual Woman's Home Missionary Society Conventions, 2; District Conventions, 2; Conference Board, 2; School of Missions, 1; Ministerial Conventions, 2; Annual Conference, 1; Training Schools, 2; University, 1, besides the regular Church and Auxiliary Societies, making a total of 212 addresses.

The greatest need which I have found is for women to take charge of Children's and Young People's Work. O that more women would get the vision of this opportunity for service!

Much of the success of the field worker is due to the faithful planning of itineraries by the Conference Secretaries and the hearty cooperation of District Superintendents and pastors. Especially do I thank the District Superintendents, who have rendered such invaluable assistance. We have tried to do our best, and trustingly leave the results with God.

(Nellie H. Snider, Field Secretary.)

The work of this year was done in six Conferences: Michigan, Rock River, Ohio, Nebraska, Northwest Kansas, and Northwest Iowa. Miles traveled, 13,391; addresses, 231; Auxiliaries visited, 95; Churches without Auxiliaries, 33; Auxiliaries organized, 5; Queen Esther Circles organized, 1; Thank-offerings taken, 24; amount received in Thank-offering, $750; Student Aid received, $150; new Auxiliary members, 207; new Queen Esther Circle members, 26; subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions,* 48; subscribers to *Children's Home Missions,* 13; Interdenominational rallies, 5; District Conventions, 11; Conference Conventions, 3.

As usual, the work has included a wide variety of service. I visited Moody Institute, Mothers' Jewels' Home, Jennings Seminary, public schools, Sunday schools, Epworth and Junior Leagues, camp-meetings, Young Women's Christian Associations, Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, etc., and gave a Decoration Day address.

This service has been rendered with but one aim, the speedy coming of Christ's Kingdom on earth. With *Him* we leave the results; to *Him* we give all the praise.

(Josephine Corbin, Field Secretary.)

Again I have to report that the condition of my health has made it impossible for me to be in the field but little more than half the time during the past year. Have traveled 9,450 miles; organized 14 Auxiliaries and 4 Queen Esther Circles, and secured 683 new members for the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Have spoken in all kinds of meetings and done all I could to arouse interest in the blessed work of our Woman's Home Missionary Society. I have had opportunity to look into conditions all over the country, and the more I study the needs the more am I convinced that we must get out after the thieves that are "plying their trade and strewing the Jericho Road with human wreckage" and making all this Good Samaritan work such a necessity.

(Miss Kartes K. Swartz, Field Secretary.)

Each month of the year and each day of the month has been spent in the field: Iowa, Dakota, Black Hills Mission, Northwest Iowa, Rock River, and Southern Illinois Conferences.

Part of the time has been used in strengthening the work already established and in training new women into the work through Conferences on methods.

Three hundred and sixteen addresses have been made in almost every kind of meeting: Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Young Women's Christian Association, Interdenominational, Ladies' Aid, prayer-meetings, Epworth League and Sunday school, Auxiliaries and Young People's societies, mite-box openings, parlor meetings, public Church services, Conference Anniversaries, Conference and District Meetings, "The World in Chicago," 5 colleges, 2 high schools, and 5 meetings of school teachers, not to speak of a lawn party and a theological school. The miles traveled have been 19,648. The work resulted in 637 new members, 12 new Auxiliaries, 8 Queen Esthers, 2 Home Guards, and 2 Mothers' Jewels; adding 4 Reading Circles; 192 text-books have been put out; subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions*, 93; to children's paper, 26; 754 letters have been written, and 149 calls made. For our hospitals and industrial schools, $8,725 have been pledged, with $12,175 added in cash.

It was our privilege to visit 4 of our hospitals—in Rapid City, Litchfield, Albuquerque, and Los Angeles. Also opportunity was had to study on the field our Spanish-American work in Albuquerque and Los Angeles, and our Japanese and Chinese Work in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle. Was hospitably entertained in the Deaconess Homes of these cities, as well as in Denver and the San Francisco National Training School.

It was indeed a great privilege to meet in their own homes—as dainty and well-appointed as those of any American women—these beautiful and intelligent girls who have been trained in our schools. It is almost impossible to believe such accomplishment of results, even after one has looked upon it with one's own eyes.

(Mrs. H. L. Hill, Field Secretary.)

During the past year I have been able to give but a small portion of time to our work. November and December, 1912, were spent within the bounds of the New England and New England Southern Conferences; where, through the zealous co-operation of all our women, much interest was awakened in our great work.

My summer work consisted of attendance at the Interdenominational Conferences for Home Mission Study at Northfield, Mass., and at Chautauqua, N. Y. Also as representative of our Society at the Student Conference of the Young Women's Christian Association at Eagles Mere, Pa.

At Chautaqua the attendance of women interested in the study of Home Missions was larger than any previous year, numbering 1,251.

At Eagles Mere among the several hundred college girls were 119 of our Methodist girls, scores of whom manifested great interest in our work by seeking interviews, asking information, and planning their own service, either in their home Churches or in Mission Study classes.

(Miss Bessie Garrison, Field Secretary.)

This has been a great year for my field of labor. As I have gone through the Conferences, meeting eager, interested women who, against great odds, are keeping the work of this Society alive, and as I have noted increased interest among the young people, I have been greatly encouraged. This great organization is steadily gaining ground in the bounds of the twenty colored Conferences.

I have worked this year in the Lincoln, Little Rock, Tennessee, Atlanta, Florida, Savannah, South Carolina, North Carolina, and East Tennessee Conferences. I have attended six Annual Conferences; one an-

nual Woman's Home Missionary meeting; five District Conferences and several special sociological and religious meetings. I have secured a number of pledges and three scholarships for three girls who are now in Boylan Home, Jacksonville.

Many new organizations have been formed, many inert ones revived; and hundreds of members secured for all departments. I have been successful in securing many subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions.* We need more field workers.

(Miss Mary Van Woert, Field Secretary for Young People.)

This year has been one of spiritual blessing and helpful experience to me. More and more have I come to appreciate the work of our great Society, not only in the field itself, but in raised ideals and broadened outlook which it gives the women and girls who are organized among our various Churches.

Since September 1st, 1912, I have been sent into six Conferences: Wyoming, Northwestern Iowa, Cincinnati, Oklahoma, Central Illinois, and Detroit. I also had the privilege of spending some time at Marcy Center, and was very comfortable and happy at Hobbs House while visiting "The World in Chicago." Besides these I have visited Deaconess Homes at Binghamton, N. Y., Sioux City, Ia., Detroit, Mich., with the work connected with them; Glenn Home and our Ponca Mission at White Eagle, Okla., Watts de Peyster Home and the Italian Settlement at Utica were visited before taking up regular work.

Everywhere the workers received me most cordially, and my memories of the days spent at each institution are bright indeed.

The most unusual experience was a drive with the missionary's wife at the Ponca Mission, over several miles of bad roads to attend a real Indian dance.

I bespeak for those workers your prayers and material support. They labor amid discouragements and many difficulties, but the spirit of their consecration is shown by what the wife said to me. She said: "I am willing to make any sacrifice if we can only bring these Indians to Jesus Christ."

Miles traveled, 8,636; calls made, 261; letters written, 357; addresses given, 198; subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions,* 95; to *Children's Home Missions,* 30; Queen Esther Circles organized, 18, with total members added, 247; Auxiliaries, 3, members, 76; Home Guard Bands, 2, members, 31; Jewels, 12, life members, 3.

(Miss Olivia G. Dunlap, Reserve Field Secretary.)

"The giants of the earth are not children of fortune; they are the children of struggle, and through struggle they become children of victory." If we had our way we would have the spiritual life grow as a flower in some quiet vale and sheltered bower. But Infinite Wisdom has planned otherwise. The organizations I report to you this year are not all children of fortune, but children of struggle and are rapidly becoming children of victory, whose power will be felt in our ranks as rapidly as they take on efficiency. They have caught the vision. It has been my great privilege to lead and guide many of these young people in this their first work in Home Missions. My year of service has been mostly spent in my own State, Illinois and Southern Illinois Conferences. One of my principal fields has been to carry the message to the rural Churches and small villages to some extent. God has guided my footsteps to many an untrodden pathway with the message of Home Missions, and with

David of old I can say to-day, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

During the year I have attended 3 Annual Conferences, 12 District Conferences, 13 District Woman's Home Missionary Society Meetings, 3 Woman's Home Missionary Society Conference Meetings; have traveled in Field Work 10,317 miles; have written 1,135 letters, 169 postals; made 310 calls in interest of the work; have organized 21 Auxiliaries, with a total membership of 349; have organized 46 Queen Esther Circles, with a total membership of 715; have organized 3 Home Guards, with a membership of 83, and 3 Mothers' Jewels Bands, with a membership of 50; have organized 38 Home Mission Study Classes. In the Epworth Leagues have given 241 addresses, besides talks and parlor meetings. Have been closely associated with the launching of new Holden Memorial Hospital, at Litchfield, Ill.; also with the Slavonic Mission work of East St. Louis, where I have truly realized that the making of new races into Americans is a precious part of America's inheritance.

As we enter the portals of a new year, the words of John seem quite fitting to us for strength, "He that abideth in Me and I in him, the same beareth much fruit; for apart from Me ye can do nothing."

(Mrs. C. L. Roach, Reserved Field Secretary.)

Through the kind plans of Mrs. George O. Robinson, our beloved President, I spent the month of February and some days in March visiting our Homes in the South—McClesky, at Boaz, Alabama; Cedartown, Georgia; Thayer Home at Atlanta, and Ritter Home at Athens, Tenn. It was a great privilege to get this glimpse of the work in the Southland, and has been subsequently a great advantage in presenting the claims of our Society. While in the South I spoke in many of the Churches, organizing Auxiliaries and strengthening the work already planted. Also organized Interdenominational Unions at several points.

(Miss Ida R. Cummings, Reserve Field Secretary for Young People's Work.)

With thankful heart I review the work of the past year and realize there has come to the work and workers a greater zeal and desire to do more for God and humanity.

Work has been especially emphasized in the Rural Districts. Queen Esther Circles have been organized and much "follow up" work has been done and the results have been gratifying.

The Self-denial effort was responded to in a most commendable manner.

I have endeavored to lead the young people to see the demand of the hour is efficiency in religious and social work, both in and out of the Church.

Christian education, Christian consecration, Christian enthusiasm will prove mighty factors in advancing the work of our Society, and the message to every member of the department is, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the Kingdom for such a time as this?"

I have carefully distributed literature and the "Quarterly Message," has been especially helpful.

Number of Circles organized, 10; Young Woman's Auxiliaries, 2; Mission Study Classes, 2; number of addresses delivered, 50; represented the Society at the Emancipation Celebration in Philadelphia, Pa., also at the Annual Session of the Washington Conference, and the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, held in Riesterstown,

Md. Attended 2 District Conferences, 2 Conference Executive Board Meetings, 2 Group Meetings of Director's of Young People's Department, 8 sessions of Mission Study Class.

Queen Esther life membership secured 1.

Number of Auxiliary meetings attended 20, Young People's Auxiliary and Queen Esther meeting attended 27, miles traveled 723, number of subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*, 60, and a number of members secured.

Our aim for the new year "Look to yourselves that we lose not those things which we have wrought," but with unswerving faith in God, work for an advance in membership and a vision of our great opportunity to advance the cause of Him who came not to be ministered unto but to minister.

(Mrs. M. Libby Allen, Reserve Field Secretary.)

This year it has been my privilege to work three months in Southern California Conference. I have traveled fourteen hundred miles. Attended the Sequvia Park Camp Meeting on Fresno District, the largest District in Methodism. Also the Huntington Beach Camp Meeting on San Diego District.

Have attended 3 District Conventions, 1 Annual Meeting, have spoken 87 times, taken 14 Thank-offerings, organized 3 new Auxiliaries, 2 Queen Esther Circles.

Southern California Conference "does things." They just *pour* out their money to carry forward the Woman's Home Missionary Work.

But this great, beautiful State has some of the most needy fields I have ever found.

The pastors have given me a cordial welcome to their pulpits, and do much to advance the Master's Kingdom.

After two year's of enforced rest I have greatly enjoyed the work.

(Miss Elizabeth Engel, Reserve Field Secretary.)

Another year has gone, a year of opportunities, a time for bringing souls to the feet of our Lord Jesus Christ and into the Kingdom. The question arises, Have I done all that was in my power to make this world better? "God only knows."

Four months of the past year were spent in the work. Traveled during that time 4,400 miles. Spoke at 2 Conference and 1 District Meetings, 3 camp-meetings, 6 missionary meetings, 22 Church services, 4 Ladies' Aid and 6 children's meetings, Sunday school, prayer-meeting, Epworth League, and in 1 college.

Organized 10 Auxiliaries, 4 Circles, and 2 Home Guard Bands; secured new members and some Mothers' Jewels; also 20 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* and 72 to *Children's Home Missions,* so the work is increasing.

God shall have all the honor and glory, for He is doing above all that we can ask or think. "Forward in the name of the Lord" shall be our motto for the coming year.

(Mrs. Deloss M. Wood, Reserve Field Secretary.)

Owing to illness all last winter, I was unable for any work as Field Secretary. Since March I have traveled over 600 miles in the interest of the work. I have given 20 addresses, held 12 parlor meetings, and made 15 calls, from which I expect results in Auxiliaries and Queen Esther Societies. Most of my work has been Conference, District, camp-

meeting, Epworth League Institute, and Thank-offerings. I have secured $600 in Thank-offerings and pledges.

I have organized 1 Auxiliary, 1 Queen Esther Circle, 1 Band of Home Guards, and 1 Mothers' Jewels Band, with a total membership of 150 new members. I hope to be able for better work and greater results the coming year.

(Mrs. F. B. Clark, Reserve Field Secretary.)

When I was asked to take the office in Boston, it was with the understanding that I would give some of my time to field work for the Society. I have tried to be faithful in the discharge of my duty, and have not lost an opportunity to represent our work if I could possibly respond.

During the past year I have been able to labor in 5 different Conferences, and also had the satisfaction of seeing the office receipts largely increased. Ten days were spent in a sister Conference. Two Auxiliaries were organized, new members secured, and subscriptions to the paper also, all of which were duly reported.

I have attended, Annual, Quarterly, and District Meetings, besides making many evening and Sunday addresses; Young People's societies have been served also. I found that existing organizations needed to be strengthened, "lest they forget." The subject of "Mormonism" brought frequent calls from organizations outside our own Home Missionary Society, as a deep interest was aroused in all circles.

Through the office came many opportunities for service; the need of literature and helps brought many visitors, and the personal touch meant much. With office and field work I have tried to use the precious moments to advantage for "the love of Christ."

(Mrs. Cotton Mather, Reserve Field Secretary.)

A little more than half the past year has been given to field work in the States of Kansas, Oregon, Idaho, and Washington, with gratifying results. Everywhere kindly reception was given the work and the worker.

One Ministerial Conference, that of the Columbia River Conference, was attended, at Walla Walla, Wash., being on the site of the first Protestant Church in the great Inland Empire. Two Woman's Home Missionary Conference Meetings and 7 District Meetings were attended. Helped organize 1 district, and addresses were given at Auxiliary and Queen Esther Circle meetings, Sunday school, Epworth and Junior League meetings, Ladies' Aid Societies, university chapel meetings, and high schools.

Had you traveled with me, you would have realized that there is still a frontier. Our preachers in the Northwest are men of faith and vision, full of optimism and courage, as are their no less heroic wives.

Visited the work at the Fisk Training School and addressed the forty-three fine young women who are in training for blessed service. Also visited the work in the Northwest Portland Industrial Home, Old People's Home, the Conference work at Salem, Ore.; Stickney Home, Italian Work at Tacoma, and the Chinese Work at Seattle; also visited the Buddhist Temple at Seattle, the priest telling me he had over six hundred members of this faith in the city of Seattle.

Stood with bowed head at the graves of Jason Lee, Marcus Whitman, and others who gave their lives that the Indian might be brought to Christ. Had four days at the Good Citizenship Conference at Portland. As one listened to the representative men and women of all nations there

assembled, one felt that the united Christian forces would bring to pass the vision of the seers, "a new heaven and a new earth."

(Miss Carrie Barge, Student Secretary.)

One hundred and twenty thousand girls of our country are in college this year. The field of your Student Secretary is chiefly among the Methodists of this group. There are fifty-four Methodist colleges, and many secondary and mission schools. There are normal schools preparing girls who are to teach; technical and professional schools, where Methodist girls are taking domestic science and art, music, expression, kindergarten, library, and other vocational training. Then, there are the great universities, foundation and private schools.

In 647 of these institutions the religious life of young women students expresses itself through the Young Woman's Christian Association. This, therefore, is the main avenue of approach to the student girls, and it is in close co-operation with this splendid organization that much of the Student Secretary's work is done.

For obvious reasons, personal visitation in each of these institutions must be somewhat limited. The largest opportunity is offered by the Summer Conferences of the Young Women's Christian Association. There are seven of these, located in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New York, Wisconsin, Colorado, Oregon, and California. It is the duty of the Student Secretary to see that proper representatives of the Woman's Home Missionary Society are sent to each of these, except the Southern Conference, where there are practically no girls of our branch of Methodism. Because these are held in groups of two or three on the same date, it is impossible for the Student Secretary to be present at all. Women well equipped and qualified were sent to each of these Conferences this summer. For ten days they mingled with the strong Methodist girls in Bible and Mission Study Classes, in social hours and hours of play; on long walks, or on the lake; in personal interviews and quiet hours alone, where girls were led to face life-work problems and to find that their own Church, through the Woman's Home Missionary Society, offers a program of service and calls loudly for their service.

To most of them this was a revelation—not through any fault of the college or the Young Women's Christian Association, but chiefly because the women in the Churches from which these girls went to college failed to bring them in touch with the work during the eighteen or twenty years of opportunity they had before the girl went to college. After nine years of service with college girls, I am convinced that here is the greatest failure. The work of the Student Secretary is necessary largely because our women have failed and are failing at this point.

This year there were 496 Methodist girls at the six Conferences. By personal investigation with 287 of these, we found that 213 came from Churches where there are Woman's Home Missionary Societies, and 123 from Churches that have Queen Esther Circles or Young Woman's Auxiliaries, and only fifty-six belong or ever have belonged to any of these, and in only twenty-nine of these are there any Mothers' Jewels or Home Guards.

These facts need no comment. We can easily see where is the crux of the whole matter. Shall we be satisfied to allow this to continue? How about the girl who went to college from your Church, from your home this autumn? Will she need the visit of the Secretary and a Summer Conference in order to find that there is a Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Methodist Church, and that there is a place in it for girls; that its very *life* depends upon girls who are to be its future

members and leaders, as well as its missionaries, Deaconesses, and teachers? Will she be among those who said to our representative this year, "I never heard of this before." "I am so glad to know of this, and to know of the Training Schools where we can prepare for special work in our own country."

Greeta Leigh, who served so splendidly as a Field Secretary for two years, is a striking example of the girl who goes to college thoroughly familiar with the great work and need for workers, and comes out to give herself. Training by the women of her Church in Home Guards and Circles during the plastic period of youth makes an impression from which she can never get away. Another splendid senior in college, who gave her testimony at one of our Summer Conferences, said, "With my training and experience in the Queen Esther Circle in my home Church, the only logical course for me is to become a Home missionary."

The regular work of the year includes planning for proper representatives at the Summer Conferences, a lot of correspondence with individual girls, sending of literature on various phases of our work, putting prospective students in touch with our Training Schools, pushing the *study* of Home Missions in colleges, corresponding with alumnæ in the interest of our work, and seeking to find women in each college community who will bring the college girl in touch with the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the local Church.

I have used the helpful material issued by the Council of Women—the bulletin, leaflet, cards for those who are willing to teach English to a foreigner, and have written many letters and sent material concerning the observance of Home Mission Week in the colleges.

In January I attended a joint conference of Student Secretaries of Mission Boards of the Young Women's Christian Association and Student Volunteer Movement in New York. These two days of frank interchange of experiences and plans was most illuminating. As a result we shall have some splendid new plans in operation ere the year closes.

I taught classes at three Conferences—two on "Mormonism," and one on "The Negro," with a total enrollment of 170. A great many of these are now leading similar classes in college, city Young Women's Christian Associations, or local Churches.

At Silver Bay I acted as representative of our Society in addition to my class work, and gave two addresses.

I visited twelve colleges and two theological schools, gave twenty-one addresses before students, and had many personal interviews.

During the coming year I shall do more visiting in the colleges, and hope to find time to prepare some leaflets for use in this department.

(Miss Carrie Barge, Field Secretary of Young People's Work.)

During the year I have given nine and one-half months of service in the field. I visited 38 Young People's Secretaries; met with 13 Auxiliaries and 136 Queen Esther Circles; spoke at 56 regular Sunday services, and held 13 Young People's rallies; addressed 3 Annual Conferences, 4 Conference and 18 District Meetings; organized 30 new societies, secured 530 members, and secured 278 subscribers for our papers. Addressed 314 meetings, and traveled 17,387 miles.

The special work included Home Mission Study Classes at 3 Young Women's Christian Association conferences, 18 addresses at Missionary Federation Meeting (interdenominational), 1 Epworth League Institute, and 6 lectures on "The New America," at Lakeside (Ohio) Summer School of Missions.

The sad memories of the year are of neglected children and young people in our Churches, growing up without missionary training, and the one excuse has been "we have no leaders."

O that our women were willing to listen to God's call in this matter, remembering that He who calls always stands ready to anoint for the task. The individual woman in the Auxiliary is our only hope—if she fails to respond, all is lost. One of the chief privileges of the year has been to press this claim until the response came, "Here am I, use me." The demands of to-morrow will far exceed those of to-day. Those who are to take our places will not be worthy of us unless they are trained to do their work better than we do it. As leaders, we must insist upon this preparation for larger and better service. Our *plan* is good and adequate. It calls for two women in each Auxiliary, two in each District, two in each Conference, each of whom will say, "This one thing I do," and then give herself without delay to this task of training for future leadership.

A society that expects to live can not afford to overlook or be indifferent to this foundation work for the future.

(Miss Grace M. Roraback, Field Secretary for Young People's Work.)

Because of serious illness in my family, I have been able to work only four months the past year; have traveled 8,669 miles; have secured 183 Auxiliary members, 308 Queen Esthers, and 15 Home Guards. I have given 136 addresses, 11 of them at District Meetings, 4 at Annual Conferences, the others at Church services, Sunday schools, prayer-meetings, Queen Esther rallies, Auxiliary meetings, and Epworth Leagues.

(Rena Pearl Waltz, Field Secretary of Young People's Work.)

The first seven months after the Des Moines meeting were spent in itineraries within the bounds of five Conferences—Central Ohio, Detroit, Ohio, North-East Ohio, and Pittsburgh—resulting in 39 new organizations and 742 new members.

During the summer months a large amount of "follow-up" work was done by correspondence, as my health did not permit the making of other itineraries planned.

August 1st to 15th I attended the Chautauqua Assembly at Bethesda, Ohio; gave one public address, and conducted an eight-day class in the study of immigration, using the new text-book. In preparing for this course much time was spent in the study of recent books on the subject, as well as in first-hand investigation of immigrant conditions in mines, factories, cities, and towns.

August 22d to September 1st I served as our representative at the Lake Geneva Young Woman's Christian Association Student Conference, having the rare opportunity of meeting the 170 choice Methodist college girls in attendance, many of whom will find their way into active service for the Master as Deaconesses or missionaries.

During the year I have enjoyed the hospitality of 2 National Training Schools, 4 splendid Deaconess Homes, 4 Settlement Homes, and 1 Orphanage under our Society, and, when possible, have also visited settlement and immigration work carried on by other denominations.

Have traveled 8,848 miles; addressed 2 Conference Annual Conventions, 11 District Meetings, 1 Interdenominational Day of Prayer service, 5 Queen Esther rallies, 52 public Church services, 33 Auxiliary and 60 Queen Esther meetings, besides many prayer-meetings, Epworth and Junior Leagues, Sunday schools and Sunday school classes, Home Guards

and Mothers' Jewels Bands, and 1 college girls' prayer meeting—a total of 235 addresses.'

Have written 1,070 letters and cards, and made 169 calls in the interest of the work, and secured many pledges.

Have organized 7 Auxiliaries, 2 Young Women's Societies, 24 Queen Esther Circles, 2 Home Guards and 4 Mothers' Jewels Bands. Members gained: Auxiliary, 270; Queen Esthers, 411; Home Guards, 23, and Mothers' Jewels, 38; total, 742.

I have tried always to emphasize the value of our literature, selling books and leaflets to the amount of $135.06, and securing 80 subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions* and 194 to *Children's Home Missions.* Whenever possible, I have met with Program Committees and helped plan in detail the year's work for new Queen Esther Circles, to many of whom the Home Mission study opens up an entirely new world. The enthusiasm carried into the study of the text-book by the girls gives great promise for the future. I have found that our girls need the Queen Esther Circle fully as much as the work needs them, and it has been a blessed privilege to help bring them together.

The year has been most profitable in the enrichment of my own heart-life and experincee, and the work has been a joy, done for the Master and in His strength. The results belong to Him. May He abundantly bless the workers and prosper the work during the coming year!

(Mrs. Daniel Onstott, Reserve Field Secretary.)

"The reward of work well done is more work to do." The Woman's Home Missionary Society has been faithful to her trust, and moved the fence farther out until she has become embarrassed by her prosperity, and unless she has an increased membership it will be necessary to refuse to enter new fields, and this would be a pity. If we had 100,000 more members as full of faith and vision as the 200,000 we now have, we could not only take much new work, but enlarge our present income to meet the increased demands.

It is for this the Field Secretary is sent forth to secure recruits. Would that I had the gift of a silver-tongued orator, that every one who heard the appeal would respond to the call and join hands in this work of love!

It is encouraging, however, that after a careful presentation of the needs of the Society and an appeal for new members, there are those who are willing to help us "win America for Christ." My work this year has been mostly in organizing and presenting the work to our young people and children. I spent three weeks in St. Louis Conference after the Annual Meeting, and attended four Conference conventions, six district meetings, one Chautauqua and College Young Woman's Christian Association, Epworth League, and Sunday school institutes.

Secured one hundred subscribers to *Children's Home Missions,* and a goodly number of *Woman's Home Missions,* and influenced two Conference societies to send the Annual Report to every pastor in the Conference.

One Church visited had no organization of any kind, but before leaving, the pastor's wife and two other ladies were secured as directors and a band of Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels were organized, and twenty-five copies of *Children's Home Missions* taken. "A little child shall lead them," for the children are interested and were anxious to belong.

Have also secured a number of new members for Auxiliaries, Circles, Guards, and Jewels, and believe this present year will bring a larger increase than our Society has had in many years. Would that all our women would catch the vision and answer to the call, "Here am I."

CONFERENCE WORK.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL HOME FOR GIRLS.

4310 Morgan Street, St. Louis, Mo.

We are glad to report a busy happy year. June 1, 1913, marked the fourth mile-stone in the history of the Home. This was most pleasantly celebrated by our removal to the fine new property recently purchased by the Board of Trustees. This gives us a good location, larger and better facilities for our work, and a high, well-shaded plot of ground. By the expenditure of a few hundred dollars the brick stable in the rear can be remodeled to make a fine domestic science room, schoolroom, and a gymnasium. Until this becomes an accomplished fact we are glad to accept the privileges of the cooking and gymnasium classes extended to us by Union Church.

Through the earnest efforts of the Board of Directors and the cordial co-operation of friends, new floors were laid in the first and second stories. New furniture, plain and substantial, but suitable for this work, was secured for a large part of the house, making this now one of the best furnished Homes in the city.

Fully as many girls have enjoyed the benefits of the Home this year as last. We now have twenty-one in the Home. A few of these are thirteen, many of them are fourteen, seven of them are sixteen years of age. Our school grades extend from second to eighth, making this feature of the work difficult. The industrial work has been growing more and more worth while. Girls under fifth grade are in the schoolroom during the forenoon and in the laundry or sewing room during the afternoon; those over fifth reverse the order. All take their part of the housework. The moral and spiritual training is given through our daily devotional exercises and Bible study, and Sunday school and Church services, which all attend regularly. Many of the girls are members of the Church and are trying to live consistent Christian lives. Our Queen Esther Circle was organized in October, 1912.

The girls who have gone from the Home are doing well, with a few exceptions. Several are holding good positions; one is training for a children's nurse, several are still in school, many are in their own or new homes. Frequent letters and an occasional visit encourage us to keep on in the work.

Contributions have been sufficient for the running expenses, and June 1, 1913, there was a small surplus on hand to help with the usual summer deficit. The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the St. Louis District a little more than met their pledge of $1,000, besides sending in a considerable amount of supplies. We are glad for this continued interest, and as our expenses in the new Home will increase owing to the larger number to be fed, clothed, and taught, we are hoping for an increase in our appropriation. Our estimate for running expenses for 1913-14 is $5,000. Miss Viola Miller, our former Field Secretary, resigned in April to take up other work in Ottawa, Ill., so we now have no solicitor.

Miss Hattie Kissell, a most successful worker with girls, has joined our corps of workers as House-mother, a position offering unlimited possibilities for influencing these young lives. Miss Leone Rice is teacher; Miss Rae Lawton, court representative and visitor; Miss Ida Bentley, Superintendent.

We rejoice that God has blessed the work so wondrously, and are praying for strength, wisdom, and love, that the coming year may be one of much greater achievement.

Department of Literature.

"WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS."

Eleven years ago this month the present Editor of *Woman's Home Missions* was chosen to serve up the monthly menu of Methodist Woman's Home Missionary aspirations and accomplishments. At that time the subscription list numbered 19,200.

Since that day the list has much more than doubled, indicating not only the large growth of membership in the Society, but also the large increase in knowledge of conditions and consequent activities. We have more Homes, more schools, more missions, and many more workers earnestly desirous of getting their special work upon the hearts of the women who read the paper.

Meantime—and this I greatly desire to make emphatic—our twenty-four page sheet remains as in the days when the just demands upon our space were easily less by half than now.

Of the twenty-four pages, be it remembered, the four cover-pages are almost entirely filled with standing matter and advertisements, leaving us with practically but twenty pages a month for our great and growing work.

There are many Bureau Secretaries who can testify that it is wise to make known their wants and wishes for the beloved work under their care to the readers of *Woman's Home Missions.* It would be well also could more space be given to tell of victories won and hopes cherished for future days.

Added space is needed that great related causes, which should be full of interest to Home Missionary women, may be from time to time set forth in our pages The social questions of the day, children's rights and wrongs, civic and other problems pressing upon lovers of native land, many of which are closely related to the work we are doing, demand a hearing in the interest of a wider outlook and a broader intelligence. Increased space in *Woman's Home Missions,* somewhat in proportion to the increase of agencies of vision and of opportunity during these past dozen years, is needed, but we ask of our contributors, to whom we are indebted for so much of help and long patience, that in notices and articles sent they study conciseness of expression and thus help to make room for more and more brief, suggestive articles calculated to carry conviction of the worth and the need of Home Mission work to our readers. Let us love our paper, work for it, and rejoice in its growing opportunity for spreading the gospel of Home Missions throughout our beloved land.

MARTHA VAN MARTER, *Editor.*

"CHILDREN'S HOME MISSIONS."

Since the only organized instruction in missions for our Methodist children is given to little groups gathered by the missionary women of our Church here and there, the importance of children's papers becomes apparent. It is true that Missionary Sunday is observed in most of our

Sunday schools, but so little time can be given to bringing the work of missions before the children that real heart-interest can seldom be enlisted to any extent.

Children's Home Missions aims to make known to Methodist children what is being done through missionary love and labor for the needy and unfortunate childhood of our own land. It is so very easy to win and hold a child's interest, and to awaken pity and love for needy children of whatever age, race, or color, that it seems surprising that Home Missionary women are not everywhere availing themselves of every possible help in winning the interest and co-operation of these future leaders of Christian thought and work in our Church.

Once again we beg thoughtful, Christ-loving and child-loving women to use their influence in placing *Children's Home Missions* in the Primary Department of the Sunday school. If the Auxiliary can not do this, let an appeal be made to the Sunday School Board. In some way seek diligently to get from ten to one hundred copies of our little paper in each Sunday school in our land. Who can tell what missionary impulses may be started in young hearts through the attractive pictures, songs, and stories coming monthly in this little sheet?

While our little paper has gained some new friends during the past year, it still needs the help of every Home Missionary woman in interesting the children and thus securing missionary workers for the years to come.

MARTHA VAN MARTER, *Editor.*

PUBLISHER "WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS."

Report for Year Ending July 31, 1913.

RECEIPTS.

Subscriptions	$14,274 18	
Advertisements	652 63	
		$14,926 81
Balance, August 1, 1912		1,074 67
		$16,001 48

EXPENDITURES.

Printing and mailing	$10,193 81	
Office help and supplies	873 81	
Railroad fare, Editor and Publisher, to Annual Meeting	131 30	
Leaflets, etc.	109 10	
		$11,308 02
Treasurer		3,500 00
		$16,001 48

(MISS) MARY BELLE EVANS, *Publisher.*

Audited and approved. EDWARD L. KENT, *Auditor.*

Number of subscriptions for fiscal year 1911-12 40,550
Number of subscriptions for fiscal year 1912-13 42,257

PUBLISHER "CHILDREN'S HOME MISSIONS."

Report for Year Ending July 31, 1913.

RECEIPTS.

Subscriptions	$2,081 78	
Waste paper	2 00	
		$2,083 78

EXPENDITURES.

Deficit last year	$76 36	
Printing and mailing	1,957 03	
Miscellaneous	45 06	
		$2,078 45
Balance		5 33
		$2,083 78

July printing bill unpaid, $171.50.

(MISS) MARY BELLE EVANS, *Publisher.*

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Number subscriptions for fiscal year 1911-12 21,218
Number subscriptions for fiscal year 1912-13 22,179

ANNUAL STATEMENT 1912-1913.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS.

Subscriptions	$14,274 18	
Advertisements	652 63	
		$14,926 81
Balance, August 1, 1912		1,074 67
		$16,001 48

EXPENDITURES.

Printing and mailing	$7,387 00	
Composition, mail-list	2,026 00	
Postage, $659.13; electros, $121.68	780 81	
	$10,193 81	
Helpers: Miss Tomens, $576.50; Miss Lair, $23.34	599 84	
Stationery and other office supplies	273 97	
Railroad fare to Annual Editor, $65.00; Publisher, $65.40	131 30	
Miscellaneous	109 10	
		$11,308 02
Treasurer, Woman's Home Missionary Society		3,500 00
Balance, July 31, 1913		1,193 46
		$16,001 48

Number of subscriptions, 42,257.

CHILDREN'S HOME MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS.

Subscriptions	$2,081 78	
Waste paper	2 00	
		$2,083 78

EXPENDITURES.

Deficit previous year	$76 36	
Printing	1,738 00	
Postage	82 13	
Electros	36 00	
Helper, Miss Tomens	94 50	
Helper, Miss Lair	6 40	
Miscellaneous	45 06	
		$2,078 45
Balance on hand July 31, 1913		5 33
		$2,083 78

Printing bill unpaid, $171.50.
Number of subscriptions, 22,179.

The above statement has this day been audited and found correct.
September 11, 1913. EDWARD L. KENT.

MARY BELL EVANS, *Publisher.*

GENERAL PUBLICATIONS.

Some one has said, "You have to keep running just as hard as you can to stay where you are."

I have found no better description of the work of the Literature Department during the past year. Standing still would mean slipping back. We have been obliged to move forward, and rapidly, in order to keep pace with our own work and with the great interdenominational movements of the time.

In the meeting of the Book Committee last spring, Bishop Smith said that the Methodist Episcopal Church had two great educational departments—its schools and its publishing interests. Calling attention to the fact that on the first of these the Church expends millions of dollars—as it ought—he added, "The periodicals constitute the chief advertising agencies of the Church, . . . and every Board and society of our Church and the Church itself is promoted by this publicity."

Expanding the term "periodicals" to include leaflets and other publications in addition to our papers, the Woman's Home Missionary Society may well paraphrase the statement of the bishop and adopt it as our own. We have two great educational departments, as well as the Church of which we are a part, and our publications constitute our chief advertising agency. What Bureau, what Department, what Auxiliary or Circle, what least company of Home Guards or Mothers' Jewels is not "promoted" by them?

It has been the policy of this Society from the beginning to distribute thousands of leaflets annually merely for the partial cost of postage and wrapping. During the last fiscal year the printing of these has amounted to a goodly sum. But it advertises our work, and advertising is essential to business success. During the same period the receipts

at our offices of publications were $10,143.57, an amount more than equal to four per cent interest on a capital of $250,000. The gain in receipts over the total of last year is $1,001.83, or nearly a third more than the average gain during the last five years.

More and more our workers are learning that supplies worth having are worth paying for, and we have a decreased number of charges on our books.

More than 2,000 subscribers—chiefly Auxiliaries and Circles—received the Lesson Helps monthly last year, and the list is steadily growing. Among the most important new issues since our last Annual Meeting are a series of colored post cards, including seven views in Rust Hall and Sibley Hospital; the calendars, in new and attractive form, and outlining a complete program for monthly meetings, based on the text-book for 1914; and "Homeland Hymns and Bible Studies," which we believe contains a very choice collection of hymns directly adapted to our work.

The report would be incomplete without grateful testimony to the *esprit de corps* among the Department workers, including local, District, and Conference Secretaries of Literature, and the help given by our faithful Office Secretaries, which has been a constant uplift to the Business Manager.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Receipts (of the five Offices)—		
From sales	$10,143 57	
From General Treasurer (Chicago)	70 00	
Amount on hand, July 1, 1912	74 37	
		$10,287 94
Disbursements (of the five Offices)—		
Postage and express	$1,965 82	
Office supplies	578 40	
Extra help and miscellaneous	486 21	
Stock	3,412 60	
Extra rent (New York)	130 42	
To Business Manager	3,699 55	
		10,273 00
Balance on hand		$14 94

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER.

Receipts—		
From offices	$3,699 55	
From General Treasurer—Extra rent, Mite-boxes, and special printing	948 29	
On hand and special	356 18	
		$5,004 02
Disbursements—		
Extra rent (New York)	$62 52	
Mite-boxes and special printing	625 43	
Annual Meeting	139 72	
Printing	3,671 90	
		4,499 57
Balance on hand		$504 45

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE M. GUERNSEY, *Editor and Business Manager.*

September 29, 1913.

I have examined the foregoing account, and find the same to be correct. EDWARD L. KENT, *Auditor.*

READING CIRCLES AND HOME MISSION STUDY CLASSES.

"Bring with thee . . . the books." 2 Timothy 4: 13.

"Take hold—hold on—never leave go" has been defined as the perseverance of the saints. This is needed by the workers in this important department of our work.

This might well be called the "Bureau of Information and Inspiration," since where information is lacking prayerlessness and powerlessness in service result as a natural sequence.

The careful reading of the most excellent course of study provided will light the fires of a divine enthusiasm for service. We must have an intelligent view of the situation, a study of causes, largeness of vision, concentration of purpose, catholicity of spirit, before we can give to others a concept of the needs of the field.

The dressmaker that would think she could get along without a fashion journal would surely be a dressmaker back number. And not many of you would have her fashion your garments. The text-books are an indispensable commodity to every Woman's Home Missionary Society worker.

The work of this department is steadily gaining ground, as gathered from the letters accompanying some of the reports, but many Conferences have failed to return the blanks sent them. We are all agreed that a report to be of any value must be accurate. How is this to be made from incomplete reports? Reports are due me early in July. My report is due the General Secretary July 15th. At this date, 1913, but five of the blanks have been returned. Dear sisters, in the words of Mrs. House, the Secretary of the Central New York Conference, "This is not a grumble but a grief."

Many of the letters received are most encouraging. One Secretary writes: "The loss in readers the past two years is not really a loss, but a more exact statement of work done." Another writes: "We try to urge our pastors to read with us and broaden their intelligence as to the work in this way."

Several Conferences report the establishment of a Ministers' Loan Library with excellent results. The Reading Circle often becomes a forerunner of an Auxiliary or Queen Esther Circle, and also acts as a "feeder" for the Auxiliary. Several of the Auxiliaries in the Puget Sound Conference owe their origin to an interested Reading Circle Secretary.

While on my Eastward way and wondering what message to bring you, the train boy dropped a book at my side. Opening it at random, I read these words, "I am going to quit praying about a little thing I can manage myself. Father said no prayer would bring an answer unless you took hold and pulled with all your being for what you wanted." So I bring this message to you.

If we really believe "that the issues of the Kingdom of God are with this generation in America," and that to "save America is to save the world," ought we not equip ourselves in the very best possible way for the battle? How equip ourselves except by reading and study?

Missionary education is essential to efficient Christian service, just as "efficiency experts" are now demanded in the business world, so efficiency is essential in the Church of Christ.

In our study books there is ready access to practical information, uplifting inspirations to have efficiency increased, character strength-

ened, to help us to be better "Christian soldiers" in the never ending strife to go higher, to do better.

How can we expect people to catch the vision for Christian service unless it come from the reading of Christian literature and the study of our common problems? Enthusiasm for service does not come spontaneously. Is it too much to say that the woman "sleeps on port" who is not fully informed, or to use a Western phrase, of not "onto her job?"

We now number almost 15,000 *reported* and doubtless as many more *unreported* readers. Shall not the goal for next year be 20,000 reported readers? Read "The Promised Land," by Mary Antim, in connection with "The New America."

Idaho Conference, having made the largest percentage of gain, is entitled to the banner.

Dear women, read and catch the visions and rise to efficient service.

MRS. COTTON MATHER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF EDITOR OF ANNUAL REPORT.

"He who runs may read" is an adage old, yet truly verified in relation to the Annual Report of last year, for it was the Conference or the individual who ordered early whose order was filled. Fifteen thousand copies were printed, but ere June not an extra one could be obtained. We planned and worked last year that the Report might reach the hands of our workers at an earlier date than ever, and with your co-operation we can promise even better things this year.

This is *your* hand-book, and with the recommendation for a 16,000 edition, we desire to serve you faithfully.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. SUSIE AIKEN WINOLD.

Additional Reports.

BUREAU FOR TEMPERANCE.

Your Chairman sent out seventy report blanks, with stamped envelope for return, and to date have only received twenty-seven replies. These report 271 Tmperance Secretaries, 140,544 pages temperance literature distributed, 39,766 pages not provided by Temperance Committee, 96 petitions forwarded, 172 public meetings held, 49 sermons, 167 lectures, 43 temperance prayer-meetings, and 12 medal contests. All but one said that scientific temperance instruction in public schools and Sabbath schools had been promoted by our co-operation. Some temperance teaching has been given in some of the institutions of our own Society. More ought to be done.

This does not fully report our work, as some whose activities I know of through correspondence have not reported. For instance, Philadelphia Conference held a series of temperance meetings in various Churches, with a good speaker—notable in that one address was given in a Church that had not been opened for temperance lectures for the previous ten years. They distributed 500 copies of Hobson's address, "The Great Destroyer."

Pittsburgh Conference Deaconess, Secretary of Young People's Work in Woman's Home Missionary Society, secured Rev. Harry McCain, of the Methodist Church Temperance Society, for lectures and class work for eight days, at the Ridgeview Park Institute. At the closing session twelve persons pledged themselves to organize, lead, or secure a leader for temperance classes, and twelve persons pledged their lives to temperance reform.

Rock River Conference reported much that my report blank questions did not cover that would be most suggestive and helpful, but would need more space than the three minutes allotted us on programs. If we had a banner as a reward, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Divellis would have won it, and Mrs. Van Valkenburgh, of Troy Conference, and Indiana Conference honorable mention. Social purity leaflets have been distributed, and 400 petitions forwarded to promote this work.

I could supplement the report if I had time now to go through filed correspondence. In some Conferences, where Conference Secretaries have not responded, I know of efficient work by Districts and Auxiliaries. Some have become discouraged by lack of support of their women, others have written frankly of opposition. "Let the Woman's Christian Temperance Union do the temperance work." "Some of our Society belong to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union." It would be an ideal condition—every woman a member of each Society. Yet, in petition work an organization counts. Some object to sending petitions. My own observation leads me to believe there are Christian women that wish to win America for Christ and to evangelize the world that have not given active hostility to the greatest enemy of their endeavors; that, knowing "the thousands slain," have never attempted the reform of a drunkard; that have never gone to him and said: "You ought to stop drinking; if you will quit, we will all help you; if you will consent, we will send you a cure;" (Mrs. Peck told us God will hold us responsible for the one

we might have saved); knowing that one American boy in five is following the drunkard, to take his place in this death-march; have never taught a temperance class, or looked to see if the scientific temperance instruction law of her city is being enforced, or helped the overworked teacher with items ready for her use or let her know, too, she has her support in this difficult work. The enemy is vigilant in his opposition. Some do not even take or read a temperance paper, while the greatest reform of all the ages is up for settlement, have little knowldge of how the conflict goes. To know that the per capita consumption of alcoholic liquors is steadily increasing is a challenge to all. Many have done excellently. To secure a saloonless Nation in 1920, all must help.

The municipal posting movement ought to win the Woman's Home Missionary Society co-operation. Form a committee of your prominent social workers, economists, and physicians, to get the hard medical and economical facts about alcohol municipally posted in public buildings, churches, doctors' windows, school buildings, trees, and parks. The Poster Committee, No. 11 Mason Street, Cambridge, Mass., will be glad to furnish information as to methods and posters.

Your Chairman has followed the same lines of work as reported in previous years; has expended during the year to promote this work, $534, all of which has been provided by this Secretary. Distributed a half-million pages of temperance literature.

CAROLINE M. MCDOWELL, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP.

God honored the Jews by choosing them for service, thus they were known as His "chosen people" who became the greatest spiritual power of the old dispensation. God has honored us, the Woman's Home Missionary Society in a similar manner and has chosen us to be a mighty factor in setting up His Kingdom in our country that it may become the greatest spiritual power of the new dispensation for the salvation of the world.

God is calling us into the thick of the battle. We have but one weapon—"the sword of the Spirit." Other battles may be won without spirituality—we do not know—but we do know that the battles against sin can not be won in any other way.

Our work has greatly grown, but the larger part of our receipts goes into our special funds. During the past ten years our receipts increased 61 per cent, while our membership increased but 41 per cent. Only 1-6 per cent receipts this year went into General Fund. At this rate we shall have a larger number of buildings requiring a greater number of workers, but no money to meet their current expenses or pay the salaries of their missionaries. We would not curtail our special funds but we would greatly increase our General Fund. To this end the Trustees call every member of our Society to greater earnestness—by earnestness we mean greater fidelity to duty. Should it be revealed to us here and now just how much effort was put forth last year to increase our membership would any of us be abashed?

There is but one motive power, *the Cross.* Shall we not go forward in Christ's name and plead with every Methodist woman who is not a member of our Society to join our ranks? Shall we not urge every young woman of our Church to rally to our cause? Eighty per cent of those who enlisted in our Civil War were under twenty-one years of age.

Shall not our young women be as zealous for the Cross as were our young men for the Flag?

To begin this good work the Trustees recommend that we plan to secure 25,000 new members immediately. This can be accomplished with a margin—if each Auxiliary and Circle will secure five new members. We also recommend that Home Missionary Week, November 16th to 23d be set apart in an especial manner for this practical work. To facilitate reporting we have placed in the hands of our Corresponding Secretaries, private mailing cards, addressed to the Chairman of the committee with spaces arranged to receive the names of five new members who have paid their dues.

These cards should be sent to the District Secretaries to-day to be forwarded to the Auxiliaries and Circles immediately. The cards can be secured only from the Corresponding Secretaries. The dues should be sent through the regular channels. Due credit will be given the Societies in Home Missions. No other acknowledgment of the receipt of the names will be made.

To create enthusiasm, special meetings should be called and members be urged to begin the good work now and to keep working until our first victory—25,000 new members—has been won. Let us work as though all depended upon us, let us pray as though all depended upon God, and victory will be ours.

Mrs. I. D. Jones, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

I am not here to report figures or statistics, but rather to tell of an atmosphere which we have tried to put around our whole work. Circular letters and leaflets have been sent to all our Conference Secretaries. Over forty Conferences have reported partial or complete organization. These cover the territory from New England to Puget Sound, and in most of the Southern States.

Some Auxiliaries have independently appointed one of their own number as Secretary of Evangelism, not waiting for Conference action. One writes me from Ohio of the spiritual quickening that came to their monthly meeting through the devotional service. A timid, retiring woman had been led to take this service, and came from her knees endued with power.

In many Conferences strong personal letters have gone out from the Secretaries to every district and Auxiliary. In others, personal visits have been made and special meetings called. Several have written, asking that a line be added to our Quarterly Blanks, so that evangelism might be tabulated and reported. Questions have been proposed pertinent to this work, that might thus be used.

This department lays a duty upon every person connected with the Woman's Home Missionary Society. It calls for personal service and personal consecration. Especially do I appeal to the Young Women and Queen Esthers. Let none of their meetings be opened with a devotional service. This is not wise or safe. Business must not absorb us. Mere machinery will not make success. Intellect and brain-power is not sufficient. The spiritual tone must be strong and deep. The need of Bible-reading in the home is most important, and we commend the International Bible-Reading Association as a helpful line of work in this Committee. Its daily texts illustrate the Sunday school lesson, and the membership dues are only three cents per year. This gives a means of approach to

the home and brings the Bible within reach of all. Correspondence in regard to this should be sent to Mrs. R. W. Salter, 4436 Jackson Building, Chicago, Ill. Mrs. W. P. Thirkield, *Chairman.*

DAY OF PRAYER.

Prayer is a method of missionary work vastly underestimated. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." This is the spirit of trust with which we observe the Day of Prayer. God is able and willing to do for us individually and as a Society above all that we can ask, or even think. His promises never fail. The spring never goes dry.

Realizing our own insufficiency for the great work undertaken, we go forward confidently, expecting to conquer through God, who will fight our battles for us.

The Day of Prayer is valuable not only because it brings us close to God, but because it promotes Christian fellowship in united service. It should be a joyful, happy occasion. True prayer should bring a flood of light and joy into the heart, and an enduement of power that will insure success. Many report a day of power, a very blessed experience, and a happy time where the Day of Prayer has been observed. It is a most fitting service for the beginning of Self-denial Week. God waits with infinite longing for the redemption of the world, and realizing His presence and power, we are well able to go up and possess the land.

Much remains to be done before our own country is Christian in fact as well as in name. The only power able to overcome the sin and wickedness of the world is the Spirit of Christ ruling in the hearts of men. Knowledge and culture may only give increased ability to corrupt and destroy unless sanctified by God's Spirit. Christ's gospel applied is the surest cure for all social and political evils.

Before our National and social life are brought into harmony with God's will, the liquor traffic must be outlawed. This traffic, the source of so much sin, misery, and economic waste, the enemy of everything that is good and attractive, has no rightful place in a Christian civilization. We appeal to every member of our Society to engage heartily in the campaign for a saloonless Nation. If our country is saved, the saloon and its related vices must be destroyed.

The vices of cities have proved the ruin of past empires and civilizations, and are recognized as the great peril of our beloved Republic.

The "social evil" is intimately connected with the liquor traffic. Women are ruined and kept in a ruined condition habitually by the use of strong drink. Evil resorts are always and everywhere centers of beer, wine, and whisky-drinking. The "social evil" is now commercialized, and for years desperately cruel and vicious men have been bringing thousands of innocent, unsuspecting young women from different countries of Europe to supply the growing demand for girls in the brothels of the United States. The result is not only ruined homes, destroyed girlhood, blighted womanhood, but the spread of foul diseases, whose infection does not cease with the guilty, but often extends to innocent wives and children.

While we rejoice in the progress the world is making in the settlement of international disputes by arbitration, prayer and effort are constantly needed to hasten the time when wars shall cease, and peace on earth be fully established.

The command to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy is too

often forgotten. The money-madness sweeping over the land is robbing multitudes of their Sabbath-rest. When a man has no day of rest to spend with his family, no time to listen to the word of God, he will have nothing to look forward to, and will lose hope, spiritual life will die, and he will slowly be transformed into a work-beast.

Social service, to be of highest value, must be inspired by the love of humanity springing from supreme love to God. There can be no substitute for personal piety in reaching and saving the unsaved. So many everywhere are sadly needing the human love and sympathy which Christians should supply, and be enriched by the giving; not only the neglected poor, but the neglected rich need Christian love and kindness.

The foreigner, often in our own homes and employ, needs thoughtful sympathy and care. Strangers in a strange land, they are often the victims of cruel oppression and wrong, and a little kindness may save them from losing all hope and sinking in despair.

"How many with a little help might rise and stand!
How cruel not to lend a helping hand!"

A day spent with God and His people in prayer will reveal many ways in which the world may be made better and happier, and the hearts of the givers enriched. It is still true, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and "There is that scattereth, and still increaseth," and "There is is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty." The greatest thing in the world is love.

(Mrs.) Mary C. Hickman, *Chairman.*

BUREAU FOR MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

The Bureau for Missionary Candidates has accepted twenty-eight persons during the year. Of these seventeen have received appointment.

Many additional letters of inquiry have come to us from young women contemplating work under our Society. All of these have received prompt attention, but no formal applications have been received. Some of these we may hear from later. This adds much to the regular correspondence of the Secretary, but seems unavoidable.

Much time and earnest prayer have been given to the consideration of the applications that have come to us. Many of these persons have evinced a spirit of consecration and a strong desire for service for the Master. Surely such women will do good work in the field. An unusual number of these have received thorough training for missionary work.

Whenever possible, some member of the Bureau has met personally the candidate. We earnestly wish this might always be done, but when this has been impossible, others, upon whose judgment we could rely, have been asked to interview the person, and to write us frankly her opinion.

New fields are opening to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, especially that of Settlement Work in the cities and among foreigners. The necessity of responding to these opportunities with women who are specially prepared for such responsibility is apparent to all who have considered this problem in seriousness.

We consider it a great privilege to have had a share in the placing of superintendents, matrons, and teachers in our Homes and schools.

Mrs. A. B. Storms, *Secretary.*

PERMANENT MISSIONARY FUND.

The question in our minds is, Should our women who are acting as our missionaries, doing the work to which any woman in our Church by her profession of faith in Jesus is committed, be merely provided with a bare living while they are doing that work, and be left to shift for themselves when sickness and the burden of years come on, or shall the great sisterhood who stays at home, amid the blessings of home and friends, take care of these women while they work and when they are worn out because of the work?

We had last year, by Mrs. Williams' statistics, 232 missionaries, but she feels sure this year, if all reported, the number will be at least 300. You know these women have heard the report of Mrs. Storm. By-laws provide that the highest salary shall be $40, but by vote a few years ago those who had been in service twenty years or more should have $50 per month. That is the highest paid. Helpers in our Home are paid as low as $10 per month. There are some missionaries who give their time, but I was not able to ascertain how many. They have room and board in our Homes, but most of them pay $5 to $7 per month.

We recommend that this committee be made to number five, to be appointed by your Board of Trustees, one of whom shall be the Treasurer of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, who shall be the Treasurer of the Permanent Missionary Fund. Said committee to be authorized to take charge in full and in detail of the administration of the Permanent Missionary Fund.

We recommend that each Conference make an appropriation of at least one cent per Auxiliary member, this amount to be paid by the Conference Treasurer to the National Treasurer with the fourth quarterly report each year. That this committee shall be authorized to receive gifts and bequests for this special work.

The Permanent Missionary Fund Committee shall also be authorized to receive and invest appropriations, gifts, bequests, and to disburse the moneys thus gathered to the persons recommended to them for aid by the Trustees and Chairman of Missionary Candidates Committee.

The plan presented to raise a Permanent Missionary Fund is threefold: First, A tax of at least one cent per Auxiliary member from every Auxiliary member. The amount due from each Conference to be determined by the number of Auxiliary members reported by the Auxiliary through the Conference Corresponding Secretary at her last quarterly report. Second, By bequests and annuities. Third, By the payment from each Bureau of a certain amount, to be fixed by the Board of Trustees, for each missionary in that Bureau.

This fund has already been started by pledges to the amount of $410. The first $300 to reach the National Treasurer's hand being from the Genesee Conference.

The vital question is, Shall the great Woman's Home Missionary Society take care of its workers when they become worn out in service, or shall they be left to shift for themselves unless our great Master sees fit to call them to reward in His mansions above?

Sisters, what will you do? MRS. H. S. HOLLINGSWORTH, *Chairman.*

BUREAU FOR SUSTENTATION FUND.

One year ago, at the National meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society held in Des Moines, Iowa, our President, Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson, in her Annual Address, recommended the formation of a Sus-

tentation Bureau for the purpose of supplementing the salaries of Methodist ministers throughout the Church receiving $500 or less per year, the Board of Trustees acquiescing in the plan. The Bureau was organized, and as Secretary I bring to you the first brief annual report. Much correspondence as well as work and prayer has been required to bring the result so far secured. I wish to thank Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers for assistance given me. The extensive correspondence has not only revealed the great need for such work, but a Church-wide interest in the movement, which must, in the very nature of the case, attract wide attention to the constantly enlarging program of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

In response to letters sent to all Conference Corresponding Secretaries, replies have been received from 51 revealing the fact that more than 1,400 ministers receive less than $500 per year: 600 with parsonage, and 800 without parsonage. If this ratio should continue through Conferences yet to hear from, at least 3,000 of such servants of the Most High would be found trying to build the Kingdom of Christ in this highly favored land, at this time of the high cost of living, on a support wholly inadequate to meet their daily needs, a condition of things in their full significance so startling as to drive our Methodism to its knees, seeking Divine guidance in solving the problem. Perhaps two or three brief extracts just here, taken from this large correspondence, will be of interest:

"The Superintendent of Pratt District, in our Conference [Southwest Kansas], travels 333 miles to get from one end of his jurisdiction to the other. The district contains about 6,000 square miles, and laps over into four States: Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. In this vast territory we have 33 pastoral charges, 71 organized classes, and 23 preaching-places. I will just give you one instance where help was given by our Woman's Home Missionary Society. The people have lost their crops four years in succession. A town in Oklahoma Charge covers 1,200 square miles, 13 preaching-places, with eight organized Church classes and only one church building. This is a half "dug out" and cost $150. Salary promised was $235; received $157, and District Superintendent received $23.50. During the year organized four new Church classes and reinstated one. Gain in membership, 65; began year with 23; present membership, 88; 300 per cent increase in membership, 300 per cent increase in finances, and 125 per cent increase in organizations; all made possible, this pastor says, by the help of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and without that help it would have been impossible for him to remain at his post. Forty per cent of his people are in Church because of the Woman's Home Missionary Society help, and it is not unusual to see one-half of congregation wearing clothing sent by the Woman's Home Missionary Society. I could give you many other similar cases, but I think this one will suffice to show the need."

We have over one hundred Conference societies, only ten of which have Frontier Plan, by which one-half dues are retained for this purpose. Some of these Conferences have had such help for a number of years, while others for a shorter period.

Conferences: Arizona Mission, California, Colorado, Detroit, North Minnesota, Oregon, North Dakota, South California, West Wisconsin, Michigan.

I would recommend the doing away with the Frontier Plan of half dues, and also that any Conference voting for a Sustentation Fund should be given 25 cents out of each membership fee.

May I urge upon you the importance of a study of conditions in your own Conferences, and where it is deemed wise to secure the ap-

pointment of a capable Sustentation Secretary? This work being new to us all, it will require much patience and careful planning until it is sufficiently strong to lead to the larger things in this splendid undertaking. Therefore we must bring to this work hearts of unselfish devotion, brains made resourceful by conviction of the necessity and merit of new opportunity, and a determination which shall inspire that courage which, in turn, shall crown our efforts with success.

"What if your own were starving,
Fainting with famine pain,
And yet you knew where golden grew
Rich fruit and ripened grain,—
Would you leave them there in their dark despair,
And turn to your feast again?"

MRS. MADISON SWADENER, *Secretary.*

BUREAU FOR SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

During the past year God's plan of finance—giving one-tenth to the Lord—has received attention from pulpit and pew, from preacher and people, as never before in the history of the Church of Christ in our beloved country. Ministers are preaching tithing from their pulpits, laymen are favoring it from convention platforms, and the Christian press is advocating it.

The reports that have come to me of the year's work in our own Society show a most gratifying advancement in many Conferences. Much splendid work has been done that has not been reported, and the merging of several Conferences has caused confusion in reporting, but from the data sent to me I am able to give the following statistics: Number of leaflets distributed, 52,132; number of tithers reported, 113,786; number of sermons on tithing preached, 525; tithing presented before 508 Auxiliaries, 128 Sunday schools, 141 Epworth Leagues, 260 prayer-meetings, 138 conventions.

Three years ago I received reports from *fourteen* Conferences, two years ago from *fifteen*, one year ago from *thirty-two*, but this year I have received reports from *forty-nine* Conference Secretaries. The following Conferences constitute this honor-roll on reports:

Baltimore—Mrs. Florence S. B. McGlure.
California—Mrs. Florence C. Bane.
Central Illinois—Mrs. I. N. Eastman.
Central Ohio—Mrs. J. W. Miller.
Cincinnati—Mrs. Geo. W. DuBois.
Colorado—Mrs. C. M. Kellogg.
Columbia River—Mrs. L. M. Sullivan.
Des Moines—Mrs. E. P. Hudson.
Detroit—Mrs. W. M. Ward.
Erie—Mrs. J. L. Stratton.
Florida—Miss Nancy C. Jones.
Genesee—Mrs. E. F. Coe.
Idaho—Mrs. Elizabeth L. Finger.

Illinois—Mrs. N. P. Middleton.
Indiana—Mrs. Geo. M. Wright.
Iowa—Mrs. A. G. Lee.
Kansas—Mrs. L. J. Stanton.
Maine—Mrs. B. C. Wentworth.
Michigan—Mrs. Rose Paxton.
Minnesota—Mrs. James Fries.
Mississippi—Mrs. Nettie Roony.
Montana—Mrs. H. V. Hathaway.
Nebraska—Mrs. C. H. Gould.
Newark—Miss Anna E. Weeks.
New England—Mrs. Jennie Hughes Brown.
New England Southern—Mrs. Jerome Greer.
New Jersey—Mrs. Lillian Meloney.
North Dakota—Mrs. F. W. Heidel.
North Indiana—Mrs. M. A. Harlan.
North Montana—Mrs. C. E. Auger.
North-East Ohio—Mrs. Naomi Mendenhall.
Northern Minnesota—Mrs. M. Townsley.
Northwest Indiana—Mrs. E. W. League.
Northwest Iowa—Mrs. Alice Mather.
Northwest Kansas—Mrs. E. E. Gunckel.
Ohio—Mrs. B. C. McCullough.
Oklahoma—Mrs. Geo. Davis.
Oregon—Mrs. E. Sada Smith.
Philadelphia—Mrs. J. D. Adair.
Puget Sound—Mrs. A. F. Bownes.
Rock River—Mrs. M. M. Rochelean.
St. Louis—Mrs. M. W. Martin.
South Carolina—Mrs. L. A. Cain.
South Kansas—Mrs. Robt. M. Scott.
Southern California—Mrs. C. B. Dyson.
Southwest Kansas—Miss Bertha Price.
Vermont—Miss Susia Davis.
Wilmington—Mrs. Adam Stengle.
Wyoming—Mrs. C. B. Henry.

I sincerely regret the resignation of Mrs. L. J. Stanton as Conference Secretary of Systematic Beneficence of the Kansas Conference. Mrs. Stanton has filled this position faithfully for seven years, and has seen great advancement in the work in her Conference. The first year she reported 201 tithers—but this year she reports 7,300 tithers.

Let me quote a few lines from various reports sent to me this year:

"Our plans are made, and we are hoping for great things from our districts this year."

"In one way I am very much ashamed of my report, but in another I am very proud of it—for it took seventy-six letters and fifty-seven postal cards to secure even this much."

"Perhaps we have not gained much numerically, but I am sure sentiment for tithing is growing."

"All of our District Secretaries are helping in the good work of Systematic Beneficence. We try to do things in our Conference."

"My faith is as unshakable in this work as the greatest rock-ribbed mountain. No other part of Home Missionary labor is so important as getting the financial side of it along God's plan."

"The thought I have given this subject the past year has helped me, and I feel deeply the need of bringing this subject before the people."

"Each year we delay teaching this divine finance to our children makes it so much the harder for them to learn."

"I hope to do better next year. My heart is in it."

"Now comes something fine. Rejoice with me. The editor of the Ministers' Helper page in the *Ladies' Home Journal* for September is a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in our Conference (New Jersey). Just think of that article being read everywhere! It is a delight to think of the many homes of all denominations where that subject will become a subject of conversation and serious consideration."

"The subject of tithing was so presented before our Sunday School Board that it was voted (almost unanimously) to adopt the duplex envelope system. This action in the Board was preceded by the presentation on a certain Sunday of the subject of tithing in each department of the school."

Dear sisters, let us turn our attention to the training of the young in the practice and principles of tithing as we have never done before, for they represent the Church of the near future, and if we continue to neglect the education of our children in giving to the Lord's work we can not hope to see that glad day when all Christians will lovingly and gladly render unto God the things that are His. "The tenth is holy unto the Lord."

Our elder sister, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, is going forward grandly in the cause of tithing, and we note with deep satisfaction the generous space devoted to the work in each issue of the *Missionary Friend*. Dear sisthers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, I have only words of encouragement to bring you in this report. The Lord has honored our feeble efforts of the past—let us go forward determined to labor more earnestly than hitherto in the cause of God's tenth. Let us press the battle to the gates. Hold on, work on, pray on—God is on our side. Final victory is assured.

Mrs. I. J. Reynolds, *Secretary.*

BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

There has come into the treasury of the Woman's Home Missionary Society the following bequests for the year 1912-13.

From estate of Thos. Plummer, Logansport, Ind	$250 00
Estate of Elizabeth Vanderveer, Brooklyn, N. Y. (for Alaska)	100 00
Mary A. Wise, Pittsfield, N. H	2,589 05
Estate of Anna Anderson, Clayton, Wis	195 10
Under will of Mrs. Mary Edna Steel, Pontiac, Mich	900 00
From Irene Maitland Estate for New Castle Deaconess Home	7,549 90
Estate of Mr. George M. Hamlen, Taunton, Mass	200 00
Estate of Florence A Nottingham, Syracuse, N. Y. (for Rebecca McCleskey Home	891 13
Legacy by Sarah Mott, Buffalo, N. Y	500 00
From estate of Esther S. Ford, Jersey City, N. J	390 71
Estate of Edwin Phillips, Northern Minnesota (for Rebecca McCleskey Home)	850 00

From estate of Celestia Smith, one-half for Utica Mission....	1,000 00
From estate of Mrs. Irene Clark Durrell, Tilton, N. H.....	100 00
From estate of John R. Senior, Philadelphia Conference	1,920 85
Total	$17,436 74

Notice also has been received of a bequest of $500 from the estate of Emelissa Purvis, filed in New York City, September 15th.

We rejoice that the perplexing problem involving the Murray Bequest has been happily solved. The sum of $10,210.42 cash, $880 on mortgage has been placed in the Treasury of the Kansas Conference. Too much praise can not be given the women of the Kansas Conference for maintaining the position assumed and to our President, Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson, Bishop David H. Moore and other friends for co-operation. This amount is not included in this report, having been received after the close of the fiscal year.

Mrs. H. C. Jennings, *Chairman.*

INSURANCE.

Premiums paid from August 1, 1912 to July 31, 1913 (inclusive) on insurance and amounts of policies for which such premiums are paid:

	Amounts.	Premiums.
Provo, Utah—East Home.....	$100 00	$2 50
Mt. Pleasant, Utah—Thompson Home.....	100 00	2 50
Elsinore, Utah—Columbus Home	150 00	3 75
Spring City, Utah—Leech Home.....	125 00	3 13
Moroni, Utah—Gurley Home	125 00	3 13
No. 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.....	2,500 00	93 32
Farmington, New Mexico	5,000 00	100 00
Farmington, New Mexico—Navajo Mission Home	3,000 00	15 00
Ponca, Oklahoma—Dwelling	400 00	12 00
Marshall, Texas—King Home.....	8,000 00	240 00
Farmington, New Mexico—Navajo Mission.....	3,500 00	70 00
Farmington, New Mexico—Navajo Mission.....	2,500 00	50 00
Unalaska, Alaska—Jesse Lee Home.....	4,000 00	120 00
Albuquerque, N. Mex.—Harwood Industrial Home	2,000 00	46 00
Little Rock, Ark.—Adeline Smith Industrial Home	3,000 00	67 50
Ocala, Fla.—Emerson Memorial Home.....	2,100 00	63 00
Clarkson, Miss.—Bennett Industrial Home.....	5,000 00	150 00
Camden, S. C.—Babcock Chapel.....	1,500 00	30 00
Camden, S. C.—Mather Academy.....	2,500 00	50 00
Athens, Tenn.—Caroline C. Frazer Home.....	2,500 00	62 50
Athens, Tenn.—Caroline C. Frazer Home.....	2,000 00	50 00
Athens, Tenn.—Caroline C. Frazer Home.....	2,000 00	50 00
Marshall, Texas—King Home.....	2,500 00	75 00
York, Neb.—Orphanage	5,000 00	100 00
York, Neb.—Orphanage	2,500 00	50 00
York, Neb.—Orphanage	2,500 00	50 00
York, Neb.—Orphanage	2,295 00	45 90
Camden, S. C.—Browning Home.....	3,000 00	60 00
Morristown, Tenn.—New Jersey Home.....	1,500 00	45 00

	Amounts.	Premiums.
Ocala, Fla.—Emerson Memorial Home	1,800 00	54 00
Albuquerque, N. M.—Harwood Industrial Home	1,000 00	23 00
Clarkson, Miss.—Bennett Industrial Home	2,000 00	90 00
Austin, Texas—Samuel Huston College	2,000 00	120 00
Savannah, Ga.—Haven Industrial Home	1,200 00	36 00
Savannah, Ga.—Haven Industrial Home	6,700 00	201 00
Albuquerque, N. M.—Mission School	1,800 00	61 65
Glenn Home, Cincinnati, Ohio	5,500 00	33 00
Glenn Home, Cincinnati, Ohio	2,500 00	15 00
Glenn Home, Cincinnati, Ohio	500 00	12 50
Savannah, Ga.—School	5,000 00	150 00
Miseirheimer, N. C.	5,000 00	150 00
Miseirheimer, N. C.	10,000 00	300 00
Camden, S. C.—Babcock Chapel	800 00	36 00
Athens, Tenn.—Ritter Industrial Home and Caroline C. Frazer Hall	1,000 00	37 50
York, Neb.—Stare Retreat Cottage	350 00	10 50
Athens, Tenn.—Ritter Industrial Home and Caroline C. Frazer Hall	2,000 00	75 00
Farmington, N. Mex.—Navajo Mission Home	3,200 00	96 00
220 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio	1,000 00	4 00
York, Neb.—Stare Retreat Cottage	1,000 00	30 00
York, Neb.—York Farm Cottage	1,700 00	51 00
York, Neb.—Orphanage	1,700 00	38 25
West Holly Springs, Miss.—E. L. Rust Home	1,800 00	58 45
Austin, Tex.—Samuel Huston College	2,500 00	150 00
Little Rock, Ark.—Adeline Smith Home	750 00	18 75
New York Office	5,000 00	73 53
New York Office	5,000 00	73 53
West Holly Springs, Miss.—E. L. Rust Home	2,000 00	64 94
West Holly Springs, Miss.—E. L. Rust Home	1,500 00	45 00
West Holly Springs, Miss.—E. L. Rust Home	1,500 00	45 00
Farmington, N. M.—Navajo Mission	3,000 00	90 00
Atlanta, Ga.—Thayer Home	5,000 00	150 00
Atlanta, Ga.—Thayer Home	3,000 00	90 00
Athens, Tenn.—Ritter Industrial Home and Caroline C. Frazer Hall	5,500 00	206 25
Athens, Tenn.—Ritter Industrial Home and Caroline C. Frazer Hall	3,000 00	112 50
Athens, Tenn.—Ritter Industrial Home and Caroline C. Frazer Hall	1,500 00	56 25
Athens, Tenn.—Ritter Industrial Home and Caroline C. Frazer Hall	2,500 00	93 75
West Holly Springs, Miss.—E. L. Rust Home	1,800 00	54 00
Marshall, Texas—King Home	1,500 00	63 75
West Holly Springs, Miss.—E. L. Rust Home	5,000 00	162 35
		$4,942 68
Cancelled—Re. Premium	$73 83	
Cancelled—Re. Premium	66	
		74 49
Total		$4,868 19

In submitting this annual report, wish to call attention to the fact that all insurance renewed for the current year was written for a term of five years, thereby showing an increase in the amount of premiums, but on the other hand will prove a large saving for the future business, as the rate on a five-year term is correspondingly lower than a three-year term.

Respectfully submitted,

MAGLY, STRAEHLEY & CO.

Cincinnati, Ohio, July 31, 1913.

COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION.

It certainly seems quite clear that the object of having this Committee is to economize time and strength of our Field Secretaries and to economize in the expenditure of money. In this day of the *"high cost of living,"* of which we *hear so much,* WHY may we not apply the careful consideration to the expenditure of missionary money as to the maintenance of our household?

Conferences and Auxiliaries know just how difficult is the raising of the necessary funds to carry on the work, and we must recognize the fact that it is the individual work of every Auxiliary and Circle and Band of the more than one hundred Conferences which makes possible the splendid report of our Treasurer as given yesterday. You will perhaps recall the item of expense of the Traveling Field Secretary—$8,761.26.

If every Conference who asks for a particular Field Secretary would be ready to meet the expense of travel from one part of the country to another, it would not seem so difficult; but most Conferences are willing to only pay the expense of the Field Secretary in their own Conference. Then the extra expense must be met by the General Treasury. We must be at least willing to try this plan, or some other workable plan which shall be suggested at this time, and not turn down the judgment of the Board of Trustees, who have most carefully considered the whole matter as related to bringing about *greater results* with an expenditure of less money, less time, and less labor on the part of our Organizers.

As yet but few applications have come to the Committee, and none of the Field Secretaries have submitted their engagements.

If nothing more than a classification shall be made at this time, it will be at least one attempt at a solution.

MRS. L. L. SLACK, MRS. N. H. NASON, MRS. NAOMI DAY.

COMMITTEE FOR THE CENTRAL WEST.

The number of Methodist women registered at the Winona Summer School of Missions June 19th-26th was 57, from 10 different States. Our Society was represented on the program by Mrs. E. L. Albright, who gave an address on the Negro Problem. Mrs. Weaver told of conditions on the frontier in the great Northwest. Mrs. Kelen spoke of our work among the white people of the South, especially in Mississippi, and Mrs. C. W. Poorman and Mrs. Dangel, of Chicago, told of work in that city.

Mrs. D. B. Wells, so well known all over the country as an expert on the Home Mission Text-books, delivered six most interesting and instructive lectures on the book for the coming year.

An effort is being made by the "Interdenominational Committee for the Central West" to secure a larger attendance of young people at these

summer schools, and to this end we must work, and we earnestly request our women in the Conferences near Winona to urge their young people to make an effort to attend this school. We would also suggest that a representative woman from each District in these Conferences be sent to Winona for the summer school, and receive the instruction in the Text-book, and then make an itinerary in her District, imparting the knowledge and inspiration thus received. Mrs. Lillie J. Hicks, of the Chicago office, had charge of our literature table.

Mrs. D. D. Thompson.

UNCLASSIFIED.

The organization of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was presented by Mrs. E. L. Miller to the German Methodist Episcopal Conference two years ago. Since then it was organized at Conference last September, 1912. At that meeting we received six members. Last May, 1913, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Allen addressed the First German Church, and later Mrs. Miller spoke in the Zion Church. Mrs. Miller also presented the work at our camp meeting and at the District Missionary meeting in Pasadena. Mrs. Bodkin spoke in the Salem Church.

We have no Auxiliaries organized but we have twenty members and a Queen Esther Circle in Pasadena with twenty-four members. They gave $10 toward a scholarship in the David and Margaret Home, $15 toward a scholarship in the Frances DePauw School, and took a kindergarten scholarship in the Oriental Home in San Francisco. They gave $1 toward a Queen Esther life membership, $3 toward the San Diego work. They had $6.66 of Self-denial money, in addition to their dues the entire amount was $63.08. Dues collected at Conference, $6; dues collected from First Church, Los Angeles, $8.90; Dues collected from Zion Church, Los Angeles, $1.10; Dues collected from Hollywood, $1; Queen Esther Circle, Pasadena, $63.08.

A special meeting was held at the home of one of the members. Mrs. Miller spoke of this meeting also. A collection was taken which amounted to $10.10; total receipts for the year being $90.18.

We have eight subscribers to *Home Missions.*

Miss Hulda Knickrehm,
Corresponding Secretary German Methodist Episcopal Conference.

CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

We recommend the following changes and additions to the Constitution and By-laws as printed in the Annual Report of 1912-13:

Page 389, Article III, Section 1. Revise to read: "The officers of the Society shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, three Co-ordinate Corresponding Secretaries, and twelve Managers (making 23 in all). Carried.

Article III, Section 3. Strike out "nine" and insert "eleven" shall constitute a quorum. Laid on the table.

Page 390, Section 5. Insert after "Secretaries of Bureaus," "Associate Secretaries of Bureaus." After "Mothers' Jewels," "Secretary of Finance;" "Editor and Business Manager of General Publications," following these the clause in reference to Conferences follow this clause.

We recommend further that we revise the clause, "The Corresponding Secretary of and one delegate from each Conference Society" to

read: "Also the President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and one delegate from each Conference Society." Carried.

The Conference Young People's Secretary, by virtue of her office, be a member of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers. Carried.

Revise Article III, Section 5, to read: "Also the Conference Young People's Secretary and one delegate representing Young People's Work from each Conference Society having ten or more Young People's organizations."

Referred to take usual course.

Page 391, Article VII. Place as a heading: "Young People's Societies."

Page 391, Article VIII. Place as a heading: "Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels."

Page 392, Article I, Section 2. Amend By--law to read: "All officers of the Society shall be nominated by ballot and elected by ballot in open session; provided also that in open session one minute speeches may be made for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the respective offices."

Page 393, Section 6. That we strike out: "And on Publication," "Mite-boxes," "Temperance," and insert "Evangelism, Permanent Missionary Fund, Exhibits," and on the list of Standing Committees McCrum Training School.

Page 393. That Article II become "Department of Young People."

Section 1. "The Department of Young People's Work includes all organizations of young people connected with the Woman's Home Missionary Society except those of children under fourteen years of age.

Section 2. The special oversight to be in the hands of a General Secretary, Field Conference and District Secretaries and Directors and officers of local organizations of young people.

Article III. "Home Guards" and "Mothers' Jewels."

Section 1. This department includes all organizations of children under fourteen years of age connected with the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Section 2. The supervision of this work shall be in the hands of a Secretary.

Page 393, Article IV, *Bureaus.*—Section 1. The missions fields of the Society shall be divided into Bureaus, each having a Secretary and such assistants as are nominated by the Secretary of the Bureau and elected by the Board of Trustees.

Section 3. Change "the" to "each," to read: "The duty of the Secretary of each Bureau."

Page 394, Section 4. Strike out: "Department of Young People's Work and Department of Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels." Add "Sustentation Fund, Missionary Candidates, Mite-boxes." Revise numbering and order so that 19 become Eastern, 20 Central, 21 Western, 22 Northern, 23 Northwestern, 24 Pacific, 25 Negro, 26 Sustentation, 27 Missionary Candidates, 28 Mite Boxes, 29 Temperance.

Page 394, Section 14 Strike out "Atlantic," Define Bureau of Sustentation Fund shall formulate plans for the relief of needy preachers of our Church and shall co-operate with such Conference Societies as may furnish similar aid.

Department of Deaconess Work.—Sections to be numbered 1, 2, 3, etc., instead of letters.

Section 2. Revise a, b, c, to read: "This department shall consist of ten Bureaus to be known as the Bureau of National Training Schools, Hospitals, New England, Eastern, Central, Western, Northern, North-

western, Pacific, Negro. And a Standing Committee for the Permanent Deaconess Fund.

Section 3. "The department shall be under the supervision of an Executive Committee composed of the Secretaries of the Bureaus named above together with the Treasurer of the Permanent Deaconess Fund two members at large to be nominated by the Board of Trustees and confirmed by the Board of Managers."

Section 4. "For the first year the organization of the Executive Committee it is recommended that the present General Superintendent and the Field Secretary shall hold membership on the committee in the place of the two members at large. Not printed.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to have general supervision of all Training schools and Deaconess Institutions under the auspices of the Society. To take into consideration the demands of the entire work of the department and receive the reports of the Secretaries of Bureaus and of the Treasurer of the Permanent Deaconess Fund; to appoint deaconesses and probationers to their fields of work and to transact any other business that the interest of the department may demand.

Section 6. The regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held in connection with the spring meeting of the Board of Trustees, and in October, in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, five shall constitute a quorum.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Bureau to have general supervision of the work in her Bureau, to make herself acquainted with its needs and opportunities, and to report annually or oftener if required to the Executive Committee.

Page 398, Section 8. The Board of Management of each Deaconess Institution and each deaconess in Station shall report annually or oftener if required to the Secretary of the Bureau in which the institution or station is located, all annual reports to be made for the period ending June 30th.

Page 396. Strike out paragraph *o* and *p*.

Page 398, Section 10. Insert "be" in order to complete the sense of the clause.

Page 398, Finance. Add "the books of the General Treasurer will close on that date. The fiscal year of the Conference Societies shall end July 15th."

Section 3. Change Sections "3 and 4" to Section 6.

Section 4. Change "Article 2" to "Article 3," also change "December and June" to "January and July." Omit "be" in last clause of same section.

Section 8. Revise to read by striking out "Missionaries, Superintendent of Industrial Schools and teachers in the employ of the Society." "The Bureau Secretaries shall present to the Committee on Ways and Means not later than May first of each year a carefully prepared estimate of needed appropriations for their work for the following year."

Page 398. We recommend the insertion making paragraph 10, "All moneys received from Life Membership, Life Managers or Life Patrons shall go into the general fund and can not be used for any other purpose." Re-number sections to suit change.

Section 8. Add after Conference Organizers "Bureau Secretaries within the bounds of the Conference."

Section 10. Strike out "October" and "April." Revise Section 11 to read, "There shall be the following Secretaries: Mite-box, Young People's Work, Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, Reading Circles,

Systematic Beneficence, Literature, Temperance, Evangelism and such other Secretaries as the exigencies of the work may demand, etc."

Page 403. We recommend to insert as Section 15: "The Superintendents of each of our Institutions shall send duplicate vouchers to the Conference Treasurer and Conference Supply Secretary, respectively for all donations received from any source within their territory.

Page 404, Article 5. Strike out "September" and "March;" also "October" and "April."

Page 405, Section 4. Change "quarterly" to "semi-annually."

Page 407. Recommend to insert as Section 6. "The Young People's Societies may designate the field of work to which their funds shall be applied after consultation with the Conference and District Secretaries of Young People's Work.

Page 408, Section 4. Strike out the last clause which reads, "The payment of $2.50 shall constitute a Life Membership."

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA H. BICKLEY,
MRS. H. B. KETCHAM,
MRS. S. K. TURNER,
MRS. F. A. AIKEN,
MRS. A. H. WEBB.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, In the providence of God we, the women of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in thirty-second Annual Convention assembled in Foundry Church, Washington, D. C.; and,

WHEREAS, The reports of our work as presented show that God's blessing has been with it in the past year; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we commend to our women the action of this Convention with regard to securing twenty-five thousand members in the first quarter of our new year, knowing that in so doing we confer a twofold blessing.

WHEREAS, We realize the importance of a definite plan for increasing the list of subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* to fifty thousand in the next two years, be it

Resolved, That we work in harmony with our publishers in any plan set forth by them to accomplish this much-to-be-desired result.

WHEREAS. The aim of our Society is to "Win America for Christ," and because we are assured of the truth that "In God is our sufficiency," be it

Resolved, That we devote more time and attention to Bible study and prayer for personal evangelization and systematic giving.

WHEREAS, The success of all missionary effort must largely depend on the self-denial of the individual, and because such denial is beneficial to the one practicing it as well as to the needing cause, be it

Resolved, That we recommend to every organization of this Society the observing of the week following the Day of Prayer as *Self-denial* Week.

WHEREAS, The evils of the white slave traffic and intemperance continue to ravage our land; and,

WHEREAS, So many children are denied their birthright because of the greed of man, be it

Resolved, That we co-operate with and uphold the efforts of any agency who in the name of our Christ is endeavoring to suppress these evils and better these conditions.

WHEREAS, This Board of Managers in this session has been the favored guest of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Washington District of the Baltimore Conference, be it

Resolved, That we express to this gracious hostess our hearty thanks for their generous entertainment, and that we give special mention of our appreciation to the following members:

To Mrs. J. E. Gilbert, President of the District, whose constant attendance and interest in all our deliberations has been a gracious inspiration.

To Mrs. D. B. Street, Chairman of the Convention Committee, whose untiring efforts and unfailing attentions have ministered so largely to our enjoyment of this great meeting.

To Miss Ada V. Stinemetz, Chairman of Entertainment Committee, who has so capably and thoughtfully cared for our daily needs during all these busy days.

To Mrs. M. M. Mitchell, Treasurer of the Committee, who has been ready in season and out of season to serve in her capacity.

To Mrs. C. W. Keys, who has kept the interests of our Young People in loyal trust.

To Mrs. W. A. Paul, whose leadership of the young women as ushers was most efficient.

To the host of young ladies who have so faithfully and so patiently served as ushers.

To all members of this Committee, whose wise plans and care of detail have helped so efficiently in the successful conducting of this great Convention.

WHEREAS, So many evidences of welcome and interest have been shown us by Washington friends, be it

Resolved, That we acknowledge the generosity of the Trustees of Foundry Church, whose welcome to their beautiful house of worship, so rich in its noble inheritance, has been so genuine.

Also the faithful and helpful attendance of its pastor, Rev. W. R. Wedderspoon, D. D., and the presence and encouragement of so many ministers of the city.

Also that we offer thanks to all who have given of themselves and their talents to us in any part of our program, especially mentioning Mrs. W. Hamilton Bagby and Mrs. D. Olin Leach, who have brought rest and uplift to all by the beautiful music rendered by voice and instrument so fittingly and generously.

Also we acknowledge our indebtedness to Bishop and Mrs. Earl Cranston for reception and welcome given so generously by them at their home.

To the friends at Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, for their helpful evening's entertainment.

To Dr. Wm. Wilder and his staff at the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School, for the hospitality so cordially extended.

WHEREAS, We have in the highest places of our great land those who stand firmly for what is best, be it

Resolved, That we thank President and Mrs. Wilson for their expression of interest in our work for God and humanity by granting to this body gracious reception at the White House.

And that we acknowledge our gratitude to the Hon. Wm. Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State, for his presence and address.

Resolved, That we extend appreciation of the beautiful flowers that have feasted our vision all through the meetings to Messrs. Gude and Small.

To the decorator, whose skillful work has kept before us constantly our war cry, "For Cross and Flag."

To the janitors, whose patient attention has been ours during these many days.

To the city press for any attention and message that has helped in extending our influence.

WHEREAS, Our great success as a Society is largely due to our noble and untiring officers; be it

Resolved, That we commend them and their work to the care of our Heavenly Father, praying that the new year may bring desired results, and pledging ourselves anew to loyal and devoted service under such leaders and for such blessed cause—"In His name."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. SEYMOUR EATON,
MRS. JAMES E. GILBERT,
MRS. WESLEY STOUT,
MRS. GEORGE M. SERLE,
MRS. H. S. HOLLINGSWORTH,
MRS. E. R. WILLIS,
MRS. X. M. FOWLER,
Committee on Resolutions.

N. B.—Mrs. D. L. Williams desires to state that an error was made in the report of the Committee on Resolutions in the Thirty-first Annual Report, in extending thanks to her for report of Deaconess Work before the General Conference, all such credit and appreciation being due Miss H. A. Bancroft, General Superintendent of Deaconess Department.

Special Reports.

Dedication of Robinson Hall.

Sunday afternoon, October 19th, it was necessary to abandon the plan of an out-door service, and the dedication was held in the beautiful chapel of Rust Hall.

Long before the exercises began the seating capacity was exhausted and the corridors were filled with people standing. On the platform were seated the officers of the Society, the Board of Trustees, the heads of the Deaconess work, the speakers of the afternoon and a number of distinguished friends of this organization. The exercises of the afternoon were introduced by Rev. Henry S. France, D. D., chairman of the local Board of Directors. After the singing of "America" prayer was offered by Rev. Benjamin S. Haywood, Field Secretary. Dr. France in a few appropriate words introduced Bishop Earl Cranston, the permanent Chairman of the afternoon.

Bishop Cranston said that it was very fitting that in a city of many monuments, commemorating deeds of battle or deeds of statesmanship, there should be this conspicuous tribute to the healing intent of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He expressed his own personal gratification that it was to bear the name of one so worthy as George O. Robinson, and comes to us through an organization so persistent in good works and so worthy to be honored. But, in spite of its being the work of one Church, it is to be dedicated to the use of the sick of every denomination and every race.

Dr. G. P. Eckman said: "If we can not capture humanity by our doctrines, perhaps we can by our doctoring. The basin and towel are the insignia of our religion, as well as the Cross." Believing this to be true, and that often sick souls are led to the Healer through ministry to sick bodies, the Woman's Home Missionary Society has put special emphasis upon their hospital work.

Some years ago a dwelling house on Pierce Street was give to the W. H. M. S. for a hospital, and was called Sibley Hospital, after the donor.

This hospital has been a part of our National Training School for Deaconesses and Nurses, largely an outgrowth of the plans of Mrs. E. L. Rust.

Between these two buildings—Sibley Hospital and the Training School —were several small dwellings, which have been torn down, and to-day there stands on this sight Robinson Hall, the gift largely of Mr. George O. Robinson, of Detroit, and named for himself and his wife. Robinson Hall is a six-story brick building, with every modern appliance for ministering to sick folk. From the beautiful entrance hall, named in memory of Dr. D. B. Street, who was so greatly interested in Sibley Hospital, to the splendid salarium and roof garden, an air of peace and comfort abides. Out from the entrance hall, the visitor enters the business department, and this receiving-room is named for Mrs. F. A. Aiken, who has just completed her thirtieth year of service as Recording Secretary of the W. H. M. S. The dispensary, which may be named for $10,000, is now reaching out a healing hand to many a sufferer.

Beautiful private rooms are being made memorials by our Conference Societies and by personal gifts. The attractive Queen Esther Room, to be occupied as much as possible by Queen Esther girls, was used by the first patient received in the new building.

Besides the private rooms, there are several inviting wards. The Prophets' Rest Room is to be devoted to the exclusive use of the ministry through the gifts from preachers' children. The Grand Army Room, equipped for perpetual service to our nation's defenders, should have many supporters. "My Boy's Ward" appeals to all fathers and mothers.

But the department which will draw gifts from people of all ages will be that devoted to the children. From the nursery, where the tiny forms rest so comfortably, to the room where the last touch of healing is received, everything is complete, or will be when you contribute the necessary funds.

Throughout this new building special attention has been given to the windows. Beautiful stained glass windows at the end of the corridors delight the eye. In the Physicians' Wash Room, in the operating department, one may see in the window green fields, a panel with lily pads, and Mr. Frog just ready to disappear. The windows in rooms and wards are so adjusted as to allow light and air without draft or uncomfortable glare.

No bells ring in Robinson Hall, but by a system of lights the wants of the patients are reported to the nurses' desk.

This new building, beautiful without and within, will care for more than two hundred patients at one time. No more complete operating room need be asked, and none too soon is it ready, for during the time since the opening in July about three hundred and fifty operations have been performed. In this building only Christian nurses minister, and rich or poor receive equal care.

Recently the old Sibley Hospital has been renovated inside, and now the bright, clean rooms seem not to belong to the old building. The most attractive, sunny room is the nursery, where twenty-one bassinets, in their blue and white trimmings, await the babies. No one can see this room without wishing to name a bassinet by a gift of twenty-five dollars.

Along with this splendid equipment stands the highest skill in medical and surgical work. Who shall compute the power this distinctly Christian hospital shall be, not only in the Nation's Capital, but all through our land!

Bishop Earl Cranston then introduced Bishop William A. Quayle, as an apostolic servant of Methodism giving himself in untiring service to the Church, and added: "We receive Him, love Him, and joy in the message He brings."

Rev. Bishop William A. Quayle, D. D., LL. D., spoke as follows:

"Bishop Cranston and Dr. France, and all of the dignitaries behind me and before me:

"There was a leper one day walking out with his broken heart, upon a windy hill, and the desert ached upon his eyeballs. He was thinking with his lonely heart of how his wife and children might be, whom he should never see; and then he heard a step drawing close, and with his feeble feet he ran away from the coming of the feet. And the feet came steadily on, not hasting, only coming, and he marveled at it, because all the feet he had known for years had gone from him and not toward him. And then, as the feet still came his way, he caught his leper's cloak and put it over his leper's face, and with his wild, shrill leper's cry, he called, 'Leper! Unclean! Leper! Leper! Unclean! Unclean!' And still the steady steps came on. Then he lifted his voice wide and cried, like demented

bugles in battle, and called, 'Leper! Unclean! Unclean!' And still the steps came on; and then a hand reached out and touched his hand, and he was well again, for evermore. It was a great thing to be out that day when Christ was walking for His health. It was a great matter that day that that disciple of sorrow, with his leprosy upon his heart as well as on his hand, met Christ. And I should suppose, beloved, that in this holy hour it were a sweet thing to remind ourselves that it is said in the beautiful Book of God to the beautiful Christian, that Christ met this leper and reached out his hand and touched him. The Christ touch on the world—the Christ touch in the world yet—the Christ touch, is the touch that has erected this house. That long-ago day is not so long ago with God, and distances are not apparent to God. The Christ-touch had this for its magnificence, that it was the touch human and divine, and the human and divine touches are the touches that must be forever prevalent, else this world die of heartbreak. Christ never wore gloves. He was too poor. He was too busy. You can not work much with a glove on the hand. You can not heal much with a glove on the hand, and you can not touch any with a glove on the hand. If a body is in sorrow, if he can not quite see, for his eyes are blinded with tears; if he goes to the door because there is a ringing at the bell, if he can not see who stands at the door—if a man is standing there, and a man looks in the face of the comer and knows not who he is, so full his eyes are of weeping and of tears—would you think that the man who came to sorrow with his friend over a great loss, would reach a gloved hand out? No. He would have the glove from the hand and lay his hand on the naked hand of the friend he came to see, and wipe that tear-drenched hand dry, and he would say, 'I heard of your grieving and I came to touch your hand and bid you good-day. The sky is blue and the sun will rise to-morrow.' What does the world need, truly? Answer: It needs the touch of the hand of man and the hand of God. The world does not greatly need absent treatment. It has had plenty of it. But what the world needs is present treatment, not somebody to stand on a forum and look over and say, 'You seem not to be very well.' But somebody to get off of the forum and come down on the road and do the work; to take the wounded man and carry him on his bosom to the shade and to heal. That is what the world is wanting. And I declare this day that until Christ came, nobody went down the road to heal anybody; nobody came to see them; nobody cared because anybody was hurt; and nobody asked, 'How are you to-day?' And nobody said, 'I hope you are feeling better.' And nobody said, 'Is the baby better this morning?' The world was passionless and the heartache of it was infinite, and Christ came along and invented courtesy—thank God!

"He taught us how to make, not rules of order, nor etiquette, but manners. He came to teach us, not how to sit down in due form, but how to get up without any form. (Laughter.) He came to teach us, not how to sit around and look through a monocle and view the crowd, and say, 'There is a lot of them, and they are greasy and dirty and infirm and halt and blind, and we had better move to the hilly country where they can not come, where they can not touch us.'

"Oh, God! What is that that the world has done to-day—healing—healing—healing! It is the need of the world. Christ came all the way down to tell the leper, 'Somebody has come here to cure you.' Oh, my heart! God cares about them; God is aware of them; God is lonely with them; God is tired with you, not tired of you. That is what they thought. God was tired with them, and also when Jesus came here God was tired with Him. He puts his hand on the world, and lo! the world sings in

rapture, and millions can sing the Halleluiah Chorus. It is a lucky thing for Mr. Handel that he created that Halleluiah Chorus when he did. Because if he had not created it then, there would be a million to-day who could write a Halleluiah Chorus which would not be thought great. They would be able to compose one, probably like the music of the wild ox.

"Oh, what was it the leper said? Ah! He said, 'Thank you.' And 'Good-bye; I have a hundred thousand kisses on my lips, and my wife and children are waiting for me; and my arms are stretched out, and my heart is yearning for my wife and children.' He fled home; and his wife was on his bosom, and her lips were on his lips. She said, 'How came you here?' He said, 'I met the Christ!' That is what the world needs. The poor man formerly went on his weary way of life, halt and blind; and he got the pennies and the kicks and the cuffs of those around him. Why don't they do that to-day? Answer: Christ has laid His healing hand upon the world of womanhood and manhood, and they build houses, where the lame, halt and blind are carried and cared for. It is the touch of God for the world. Oh! I thank God, we didn't live then, and it is so much fun to live now. (Laughter.) Oh! you know some people are always saying, 'If we had only lived then.' Oh! dear heart, forget that; quit talking that nonsense. It is God Almighty's wish that we skipped that time. It is past. Forget it. What we need to know is that Christ has come with His wonderful touch. What I am speaking of is the thing that He was not afraid to catch disease. Why was He not afraid to catch disease? He was so sorry for us that He forgot Himself, and therefore was not afraid of catching disease. He was so sorry for us that He came down where we were, and nothing, nothing, nothing, could keep Him back. I have been a preacher quite a while, and when a man has been a preacher quite a while, and was bright to begin with, it is wonderful how much he comes to know. It is really wonderful, honestly. It is wonderful what I have seen, and along with that which I have seen I have seen many good doctors. God bless the good physician! They don't remember about some things, but they remember about us, and they do not think about getting things from us, but how to give things to us. That is what they are doing. You know, when I was a preacher, and we had malignant diseases around the town, they would always say, 'Mr. Quayle, if you go, you have got to change your things.' I said, 'How will the minister change his things? He has got no things to change. (Laughter.) It is folly to talk about a minister changing his things. Why, he has got one set of things and he has to wear them until they evaporate, and therefore he can not change them.' The doctors said, 'You should change your things, because you might catch the disease and get into trouble.' I said, 'Why should I change my things, if you do not?' Now, friends, why is the doctor not changing his things? Because he has no fear. Suppose my little daughter is ill. I would go to him, either in the daytime or at midnight, and he would not ask me, 'Who are you? Do you get a large salary, or a little salary?' Neither would he say, 'Is your salary paid? Do you pay your bills?' No, my friends; he would say, 'What is the number? I'll be right over in a minute.' Who taught the world that kindness? Christ. Thank God. We don't need curing half so much as we need somebody wanting to cure us. We don't need to get well half so much as somebody to be sorry that we are sick. Suppose a little fellow is sick in bed and very feverish. He is not worrying so much about getting well, but he does want his daddy and mother to come around and putter over him a whole lot, and hold his hand, and hug him tight, and say, 'You are pretty sick, are you not, Billy? I hope you will soon be feeling fine.' The boy would say,

'Do you think I am prety sick?' You would probably say, 'Yes.' Then he would say, 'Are you sorry for me?' Then, of course, you would undoubtedly say, 'I am sorry that you are so sick, and I would rather be sick than you.' The little boy then would say he feels better; and I believe he does.

There was a little girl who came where her minister was and she said, 'Don't you want me to play none?' That is what he did; he did not want her to play none. That is the very thing. She said, 'Didn't you wanted me to play none?' He knew her double negatives were an affirmative. He said, 'Yes.' So she went ahead and fell all over the keys. She dilapidated all over the board. (Laughter.) And she just went wandering, and slapping up and down, and then when she got through and turned around the minister did not say, 'You can not play at all.' But he said, 'That sounded to me like "Old Aunt Rhody."' It didn't sound like anything. It just sounded like nothing, or it sounded like everything gone troublesome. At least. I suppose that is what it sounded like. But, you know, that little girl has now grown to womanhood, and she is cultivated and has all that sort of refinement that women usually acquire. She got to be a 'Ph. D.,' and a LL. D.,' and a whole lot of ridiculous things like that. (Laughter.) She got to be all of those, but she never forgot the preacher who said that her playing sounded like 'Old Aunt Rhody.' Now, what do you suppose it was that that little girl wanted when she went to the preacher? She wanted sympathy, the human touch, as all of us want. We want what we are not likely to get until Christ comes around and touches the world—until He reaches out His hand and touches us.

"The glory of the hospital is not that it cures so many folks, but that it wants to cure so many folks. We are sorry. That is what this institution means. We are sorry for you. That is what Brother Robinson will be glad to know that this house is saying to the world, that is lonely and sad and sick and needy. We are sorry for you. That is what the women connected with this institution have had in mind all along.

"Oh, men and women, it is beautiful to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ; to heal folks' bodies. But is that all? Oh, no; that is good in its way, but there are so many healings we need so much more than we need bodily healings. I would not advise a sickness, though it does some people good. (Laughter.) They can not go about while they are sick. (Laughter.) I have seen lots of people whom I believe sickness would do wonders for, but I would not give it to them, because it would not be exactly right. Nevertheless, I would advise it.

"There is a Scripture which I remember reading about, and upon which I preached. It was this: 'Keep her at home.' (Keeper at home.) (Laughter.) That name did not sound very nice, probably, but it penetrated the truth so deeply, and you know it was so funny. (Laughter.) The thing we should learn is this, that an institution should have such an attitude as could be interpreted by the world as to mean, 'We are sorry for you, in the name of Christ.' That is Christ!

"Christ put out His hand and touched the leper without any fear of catching the disease. For what is that to Him? Oh, beloved, the human touch—that is what is needed, and the divine touch.

"A lonesome man sat in a car one day, and it was a stormy, wild day, and he was very much troubled. He had just laid his father, dead, away under a mound of driving snow. He was so lonesome he did not know what to do. He never had any mother to know, and he had only known his father intermittently, and now his father was gone. There was nobody around and he felt as if he were lost, as if he were the only

orphan, for he had never been alone in the world before. He was a man grown, and lonely, and when you get grown and lonely it is that kind of a lonesomeness that often makes folks die. And then there came along on the car a man that sneaked his hand over the man's shoulder, and sneaked it down and laid a naked palm on his hand, and held the man's fingers that were wet with tears. He just held it, and never said anything. The man was so lonely that he did not look up, only he just felt that hand that was in his. Then the man who came up to him said, 'Good-bye, Brother Quayle.' And went out of the car and came and tapped on the window outside, and said, 'Good-bye, Brother Quayle.' The man that was weeping because he was lonely looked up at God, and he saw God looking at him. Thank God! That God was interested in him. It is sympathy we need. Thank God! It is sympathy we get when Christ is around.

"Now, these people, these sick people who are going to be brought to the hospital over here, do not need somebody to dispense the Gospel to them. They do not need somebody to ask them if they are going to die now, and if they are ready. They do not need anything like that. What they need is somebody to come around and to make it worth while to live. Dying is a thing anybody can do, and it requires no brains; therefore, it naturally follows that we shall all die. (Laughter.) It is evident to us all that to die is an easy matter, but living is a hard matter. How are we going to live? In what way should our lives be spent? To what purpose should we devote our energy? That is the question. In the wards and in this hospital—bless God!—the mystical and wonderful touch of God shall make life worth while living. Death is not much when you are all right, when you are in the good graces of God. We might say that it is no more than the bird flitting from one limb to another. Of course, it is no trouble for a bird to fly from one limb to another, because it has the wings. It therefore follows that the great matter to be accomplished is to secure the wings. Oh, when Christ comes amongst us —when Christ comes in our presence—then, His hand, the naked hand, the warm hand, the tender hand, the healing hand, the man hand, the God hand, touches the world-palm, and, my friends, the world is not so much well as it is healed!"

A responsive service led by Bishop Burt followed. Then was sung (to the tune Germany) a beautiful hymn, the words of which were composed by Miss Lillian Wilder, one of the teachers in Rust Hall, daughter of Dr. W. H. Wilder.

Bishop Cranston introduced Dr. W. H. Wilder, Superintendent of the Hospital and President of the Training School.

Dr. Wilder first read the following telegram from Mr. Robinson from his home in Detroit, Mich.:

"Humanity and the enlightened activities of the art of healing unite in congratulations for and high appreciation of the noble efforts of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the auspicious completion and dedication of Robinson Hall.

"GEORGE O. ROBINSON."

Dr. Wilder expressed his thanks for the privilege that was granted the local Board to undertake the construction of this building, under the name of the Society. The local Board agreed not to ask for the money, but without the privilege and the authority of the Board of Trustees they would have been unable to proceed. But he reminded the Board that they had agreed to furnish the building. The outright gifts of money for immediate use have been small in proportion to the amount used. The

amount in annuities has been large, but not large enough. They hope to get more, but as it is, they had kept their promises; had borne every dollar of their own expense, and had paid all accounts up to date. This record was made possible by the faith of the Board of Managers in the local Board. He paid a high tribute to Mrs. Minard, saying that he would not have had the courage to present the cause with such persistency had it not been for the faith of this woman of God.

Dr. Wilder assured his hearers that they must not think for a moment that the Training School is being turned into a hospital. Thus far they have been able to operate only four of the six departments which the school is designed to include. Many other departments are needed in this capital city of Washington for the different forms of missionary work. He expected that many in the audience would live to see other halls built on the property adjoining the present plant.

The presentation of the Hall to the Board of Trustees was made by Mrs. Dayton A. Minard, of Buffalo, N. Y., Secretary of the National Training Schools Bureau. Mrs. Minard said:

"It is fitting that this Society should gather to honor the women whose name is inscribed on the building, the founder of Deaconess work in the Woman's Home Missionary Society—the founder of our Training Schools —and for years past the loved President of this noble organization. In honoring her we honor our loyal and generous friend, Judge George O. Robinson, of Detroit Mich.

"Twenty-three years ago the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society gathered on an occasion similar to this of to-day to dedicate a building for the training of young women in the service of the Church for God and humanity—the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School. Since that time the seed then sown has taken root and grown, and we have Sibley Memorial Hall, beautiful Rust Hall, and now we bring to you Robinson Hall. Hundreds of Methodist women are turning their thought to the capital city. Prayers are ascending in praise for what the faith of Methodist womanhood has accomplished.

"Madam President, and Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the Building Committee delight in presenting to you the completed building, Robinson Hall, of the Training School of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Behold what God has wrought by Methodist women with a perpetual optimism and an abiding faith."

The response was made by Mrs. Robinson. With some apologies for the personal references, she sketched briefly the story of the beginning of this work in Washington and her own relation to it. She began her work as a field organizer for this Society and came to Washington by invitation of Mrs. Clara L. Roach in 1889. This dedication of this building is the consummation of her twenty-five years of service in this Society.

In receiving the hospital, Mrs. Robinson said:

"Dearly Beloved Friends:

"The Scriptures teach us that God is well pleased with those who build temples to His name, and shall we not also believe that He will be equally pleased and honored in an institution where humanitarian and divine agencies blend to save the life God hath given; a refuge where the broken, pain-stricken and heart-weary may feel a breathing testimony to the sympathy of the Son of God, who sent His disciples to heal the sick; where may be brought 'the healing of His seamless dress is by our beds of pain.'

"Let us not doubt that He will favorably approve our purpose of dedicating this building in solemn manner for this Christly work, and let us devoutly join in praise to His name that this godly undertaking

hath been so far completed, and in prayer for His further blessing upon all who have been engaged therein; and let us most earnestly supplicate God's blessing on those who now serve and through coming years will here serve, 'in His name and for His sake.'

"May here in this great Capital city of the nation many be brought to know that—

'Still where the city's woes are thick,
The dear Christ's spirit heals the sick.'

"For such a dedication and consecration we are now assembled.

"In the name of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church I receive this building, Robinson Hall, as part of the Hospital and Training School work."

The audience then joined in the formal words of dedication and a hymn written by Dr. W. H. Wilder, and the service closed with the benediction by Rev. Wm. L. McDowell, D. D.

CONSECRATION OF LONGWELL CHILDREN'S WARD.

At 5:30 a limited number of delegates were invited to the consecration of the Longwell Memorial Children's Ward, lack of space preventing the attendance of the entire body of visitors. The recognition of the Longwell gift and the memorial tribute to Mrs. Etta T. Longwell was given by Dr. B. Haywood. He said:

"An August day, one year ago, found me at its close in a humble but well-kept farmer home in Ohio. The farmer and his companion-wife, childless, but whose devotion to children amounted to a passion, sat long that summer night around the supper table and seemed absorbed in a story of crippled childhood.

"The evening passed with winged flight, and not until 11:20 o'clock was there thought of rest. Even then, when the lamp was placed on my bedroom table, the farmer heart evidenced the purpose-forming plan, when he said:

"'Brother, would you mind telling me once again that story.'—The story of God's 'little ones' out in waifdom and city streets, crippled, homeless, helpless, gripped their hearts.

"And Albert Longwell and Temperance Etta, his wife, made possible that night parentage and home-care for hundreds yet to be. They had lived their life in arduous toil, but little other than the narrow environments of rural life had ever touched theirs.

"But years before God had, and that 'touch' had made the whole wide world kin.

"Hence, they worked for Him. Toil became sweet; early and late, season after season, year after year, bore witness to their quest.

"The farm, entered early in the century past as Government land by the father, the United States patent for which was signed by Martin Van Buren, President, was purchased from the other heirs, and Albert Longwell, proud owner, had paid every cent; no debt, no weed, no rubbish, but barns and houses, built of hand-hewn logs (grown on the farm)—all complete—theirs and God's!

"This the farm, and these the folk that made possible this refuge-place.

"September 4th, 1912 (a year ago), this farm of 160 acres—the minimum value is $25,000—passed into our hands, to provide a Children's Ward.

"Such we to-day consecrate, with their love, unto God's little ones.

"This splendid ward of eight beautiful rooms, and accessories, includ-

ing this attractive 'Getting Well Room,' is now to be set apart in solemn consecration prayer for this sacred work.

"Our benefactors, together, saw the hospital cornerstone placed, in November last; their cup of joy was full. They witnessed all. Dr. Wilder, with marked courtesy, placed every comfort in Rust Hall at their use, and for four days they lived in a new world. Then they went away—to us in health—anticipating presence here to-day.

"But God's plan is otherwise. The mother heart, with love enough for all homeless childhood, must see to-day from the spirit-world.

"August 6th, 1913, was her coronation day, and 'tis now my sacred privilege to briefly give memorial tribute to her life.

"Mrs. Longwell was Ohio born and reared. Only daughter of one Abraham Shockey and wife. But motherless at five months, and fatherless at five years, she was orphaned young.

"She was cared for by her grandparents, to whom she, in return, gave loving care in their declining years. Her father died on field of battle in 1863.

"Patriotism and religion were her birthright, and but little else save a healthy body. Educational advantages were denied, but responsive ever to every influence of help, she absorbed much of truth and became a woman of thought and action.

"Naturally of a vigorous physical force, she never saved her strength, but heroically joined her husband in a strenuous effort to succeed. Never idle, she ever drove farther into toil. She was converted in early life, and her Church became her absorbing thought. She was a lover of the Woman's Home and Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, a member of both, she loved them unto the end.

"Her home was the itinerant's resting-place, and many a servant of God, together with many orphan children to whom she became a mother true, will some day call her 'blessed!'

"Her crowning sacrifice and sweetest act of service is here crystallized in this offering of love which we consecrate to-day.

"Because of their lives of hard toil and no school privileges she and her husband long resolved to do something for children, and at last bestowed their life's earnings to enrich helpless childhood.

"Her illness was very brief. I saw her one week before her death, and ate with them the meal her own hands prepared. One week later, when told her end was near at hand, she quietly said, without fear, 'I have been preparing for this all my life. All is well.'

"Her end was as

> "'The morning star,
> Which goes not out behind the darkened west,
> Nor sinks obscured amid the tempests of the sky,
> But melts away into the light of heaven.'

"'Tis over now, and she rests at home. She was sincerely good and true. Simple-hearted and devoted to the right. None knew it better than the brave, lonely heart that walks alone to-day as one stunned and numbed with grief.

"'Tis a comfort to my own soul to tell the gospel of her brave, trustful life, and to pay tribute to this quiet, helpful soul, that has enriched this institution and great organization of ours.

"God help us to complete her work and follow on to share her reward!

"How many 'little ones' yet to be will greet her in the dawn of the immortal! They and we owe her much.

"A hymn she loved, and used to sing, sweetly carols the fragrance of her life. Mrs. Leech will, with its use, reveal her consecration."

Mrs. Leech then sang very sweetly "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old."

Dr. Wilder introduced Miss Alice M. Guernsey, to whose enthusiastic support much of the success of the "Getting-Well Room" is to be credited.

Miss Guernsey's Address.

Miss Alice M. Guernsey delivered an address on "Children's 'Getting-Well' Room" as follows:

"Dr. Wilder and Friends:

"It is hard enough for grown-ups to be ill, to pass into weeks or days, or even hours, of pain and suffering. But it seems harder still for little children, whose birthright should be health—rosy, abounding, joyous health—to pass into the shadow that sometimes becomes the darkness of midnight.

"I have seen great warships on the Hudson lit up from stem to stern, every mast and spar and outline of the vessel marked with long lines of electric light. And then I have seen through the touch of a finger all those lights die down and there was left nothing but the darkness of earth and sky. It seemed as if by some magician's wand the ships themselves must have passed out of existence as they did out of sight. Then suddenly by another magic touch long pencils of light shot up into the sky, signaling from ship to ship, writing mystic words which were plain to those who understood the language, but which to us were only flashes of light. It seems to me that is a picture of what we want this beautiful ward to be. Through the shadow and through the darkness we want glimpses of light, hope and truth to flash. We want this to be a place of healing, the house of healing and the house of hope. And when the shadow of night passes into the twilight—when out of pain, the darkness and shadow of pain—the children pass, by the blessing of God and the help of the doctors and the dear nurses, as we trust and hope they may, into the twilight that precedes the morn of joyous health again, then we want them to have that which means joyousness and happiness. That is why we have the children's convalescent room; but, you know, that long word would never do for the children. It is altogether too long for the childish mind to grasp, so we have brought it into the sphere of childhood and called it the 'Children's Getting-Well Room.' That is why, in this beautiful, sunny corner of this stately building, they have established the 'Children's Getting-Well Room.' And, friends, I am not responsible for the beautifying of this room. It is Dr. Haywood's thought.

"Last June, or possibly before that, Dr. Haywood said to me, 'Will the children furnish the decoration for the Children's Convalescent Room?' I shook my head a little doubtfully and replied, 'I don't know; it will cost a lot of money, and we have so many other things to provide for.' But, friends, you know when Dr. Haywood gets an idea into his mind he does not stop there. He wrote me about it, and he talked about it. And then Miss Van Marter said: 'We can take it up in Children's Home Missions and we can make it go.' And so the artist came at Dr. Haywood's call—the same artist that has designed the beautiful windows that you can not see to-night in their splendor because of the darkness without. The beautiful window which you see in the alcove, with its birds and butterflies and other beautiful designs, carries out the spirit of the room, and it is the gift of the New Jersey Conference.

"On the walls of the Children's 'Getting-Well Room' you see the

story, beginning with Towser in the corner and then running all around the room. You see the apple trees, first in their green, and then as they go on to blossoms, later to fruit, and then on the dry leaves, and, finally, you see the trees entirely bare. Around the top of the room are the morning-glory vines, with butterflies and birds, and in the corner, where Towser finally tires of his rollicking and playing and goes to sleep, the dear little morning-glories are all asleep.

"The 'Children's Getting-Well Room' has been made beautiful by the artist and the decorator. Then, as to the rhymes around the room, can't you just imagine how the children will delight in them? They are the work of the artist too. They are all his, and my part is only to try, with the help of our loyal supporters in the Woman's Home Missionary Society, to get the children to give the money for the room. I am going to ask Mrs. Woodcock, Secretary of the Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, to tell us a little about that side of the matter. I might also say that Dr. Haywood has these leaflets which will tell you more and we want you to use them." (Applause.)

Address of Mrs. Anna Hobbs Woodcock.

"That which Dr. Haywood read and told only shows what sheaves and garden seeds and homely duties can become in the hands of women. This is glorified service. It does not make any difference if the hands do get horny while it is being done, for it is done for children and God has glorified it and has centered it right here. And now, right here, we want to have a telephone connection. What would a hospital be without a telephone? We must tell to the outside world, you know, the things that are going on inside. Therefore, we want to establish here a telephone system to the childhood all over this land. The beauty of it is the connection will be so cheap. We have to pay a great deal usually for telephones.

"Well, the connection is going out abroad, and here in this room will be the central office, and we expect a splendid connection. We expect you to go out and to tell the children and to establish the connection, which will cost you only five cents. Oh, I do wish and hope that every child will become connected with this room. You know, if you are connected with the central office here you will always talk over the line. You can not help it. So these connections will develop further and further into intricate subdivisions.

"This is the children's center here, and we want to do this for Christmas. Won't you women please go home and get this connected all up by Christmas? Won't you please endeavor to have every child with whom you come in contact send in five cents for this connection? Now, don't tell me that you won't meet many children. I am sure you would be ashamed to say that. If you don't meet children in their homes go and visit them at Sabbath schools and everywhere and have them send in the five cents. We need it all.

"And now as to this beautiful hymn that has been written by Miss Guernsey, 'To All Little Children in the Twilight of Pain,' I want you to remember this, friends, when you sing it, that the day has two twilights. It has one at the evening when it grows dark, and it has one in the morning when the sun is growing brighter and brighter to the perfect day. Now, in the 'twilight of pain' we want to bring these children in and up through that twilight that brings them to the day of health and strength, so they will be able to go out into the world of life well and

strong and eager to serve for the Master. Let us all say that we are going to join in this worthy endeavor.

"I would like to see in the room a little aquarium with fish in it, and flowers in the room in the name of the childhood of America.

"I propose that we start a little fund, and that each succeeding year we take up a little collection that will give us at least $50 to be deposited here to make it possible to procure every day some flowers for the children. I presume that at times flowers will be donated to us, and therefore it will not be necessary that flowers be brought every day. So I think that with that amount we can arrange to have in the children's room flowers every day of the year for all the children of America."

OUR HONORED DEAD.

Mrs. Etta Longwell, Middleport, Ohio.

Alabama—Mrs. Floyd Duffey.

Atlanta—Mrs. J. A. Richie, District President; Mrs. Geo. Trevor, Auxiliary President.

Baltimore—Mr. John Neff, honorary member, husband of Mrs. Neff, Conference President; Mrs. Agnes G. Jones, District officer.

California—Mrs. Clare Channing, served as Treasurer of Chinese Bureau; Mrs. P. G. Buchanan.

Central New York—Mrs. J. L. Willard, President Emeritus.

Central Pennsylvania—Mrs. E. M. Knarr, Mrs. A. H. Rose.

Columbia River—Mrs. J. D. Lee, District President.

Delaware—Mrs. Laura H. Parker, Mrs. Laura A. Pullett, Conference officers.

Detroit—Mrs. H. J. Defoe, Conference officer; Mrs. J. C. McDonald, Auxiliary President; Miss Harriet Johnson, a former Conference Secretary; Miss Lucy Rice.

East Tennessee—Mrs. L. C. Hall.

Indiana—Mrs. M. S. Andrus, formerly Conference President; Mrs. Chas. Wesbey, formerly District President and Conference Recording Secretary; Mrs. T. E. Stuckey, formerly District Recording Secretary; Mrs. R. Andrus.

Iowa—Mrs. Eli F. Ritter, formerly Conference President; Mrs. Wm. Blum.

Kentucky—Miss Kanna Davidson, Conference officer.

Minnesota—Mrs. H. O. Helgeson, Conference Treasurer.

Newark—Mrs. Jesse L. Hurlbut; Mrs. Chas. E. Hill, Conference officer.

North-East Ohio—Mrs. J. F. Mund, late Secretary of Central Deaconess Bureau.

North Indiana—Mrs. W. O. Smith, District President; Mrs. Elizabeth Eisenbeiss, District Secretary.

Northern New York.—Mrs. Helen B. McComber, first Treasurer; Mrs. B. F. Wood, eighteen years District Corresponding Secretary.

New York—Miss Frances M. Knight, District Treasurer; Miss Ella Dedrick, President Queen Esthers.

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Oregon—Mrs. D. K. Lee.

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West Wisconsin—Mrs. Nancy E. Davis.

APPROPRIATIONS

OF THE

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

For the Year Ending July 31, 1914.

Southern Work.—Colored.

	Unconditional.	Conditiona	Total.
THAYER HOME, ATLANTA, GA.			
Salaries	$1,850 00	$300 00	
Current expenses, improvement, etc	175 00	600 00	
City missions		200 00	
Student Aid		875 00	
	$2,025 00	$1,975 00	
			$4,000 00
HAVEN HOME AND SCHOOL, SPEEDWELL, GA.			
Salaries	$1,320 00	$200 00	
Current expenses, improvements, etc	950 00	250 00	
Student Aid		500 00	
	$2,270 00	$950 00	
			3,220 00
BOYLAN HOME AND SCHOOL, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.			
Salaries	$2,620 00	$580 00	
Current expenses, etc	532 00	868 00	
Student Aid		1,000 00	
Building, etc. (debt)		5,000 00	
	$3,152 00	$7,448 00	
			10,600 00
BREWSTER HOSPITAL, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.			
Salaries	$900 00	$260 00	
Current expenses (rent)	200 00	520 00	
Student Aid		100 00	
	$1,100 00	$880 00	
			1,980 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
EMERSON HOME AND SCHOOL, OCALA, FLA.			
Salaries	$980 00	$300 00	
Current expenses, etc		300 00	
Student Aid		400 00	
	$980 00	$1,000 00	
			$1,980 00
ALLEN HOME AND SCHOOL, ASHEVILLE, N. C.			
Salaries	$1,880 00	$460 00	
Current expenses, improvements, etc	1,350 00	500 00	
Student Aid		600 00	
Building (debt)		1,000 00	
	$3,230 00	$2,560 00	
			5,790 00
BROWNING HOME AND SCHOOL, CAMDEN, S. C.			
Salaries	$2,280 00	$640 00	
Current expenses, improvements, etc	1,400 00	900 00	
Plantation work		60 00	
Student Aid		700 00	
	$3,680 00	$2,300 00	
			5,980 00
KENT HOME, GREENSBORO, N. C.			
Salaries	$600 00	$320 00	
Current expenses	280 00	140 00	
Student Aid		500 00	
	$880 00	$960 00	
			1,840 00
NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE HOME, MORRISTOWN, TENN.			
Salaries	$600 00	$100 00	
Current expenses, improvements, etc	200 00	300 00	
Student Aid		450 00	
	$800 00	$850 00	
			1,650 00
E. L. RUST HOME, HOLLY SPRINGS MISS.			
Salaries	$980 00	$380 00	
Current expenses, improvements, etc	471 00	2,329 00	
Student Aid		500 00	
Building (debt)		4,000 00	
	$1,451 00	$7,209 00	
			8,660 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
Adeline Smith Home, Little Rock, Ark.			
Salaries	$740 00	$200 00	
Current expenses, improvements, etc	150 00	1,150 00	
Student Aid		1,000 00	
	$890 00	$2,350 00	
			$3,240 00
Peck School of Domestic Science, New Orleans, La.			
Salaries	$1,080 00	$400 00	
Domestic Science	140 00	150 00	
Current expenses, improvements, etc	300 00	300 00	
Student Aid		500 00	
Building (debt)		5,500 00	
	$1,520 00	$6,850 00	
			8,370 00
King Home, Marshall, Texas.			
Salaries	$1,360 00		
Current expenses, improvements, etc	500 00	$1,600 00	
Student Aid		600 00	
	$1,860 00	$2,200 00	
			4,060 00
Eliza Dee Home, Austin, Texas.			
Salaries	$740 00	$60 00	
Current expenses		250 00	
Student Aid		250 00	
	$740 00	$560 00	
			1,300 00
Total for Southern Colored Work	$24,278 00	$38,092 00	$62,370 00
Southern Work.—White.			
Elizabeth Ritter Home, Athens, Tenn.			
Salaries	$846 00	$575 00	
Current expenses, improvements, etc		629 00	
Student Aid		1,800 00	
	$846 00	$3,004 00	
			$3,850 00
Bennett Home, Clarkson, Miss.			
Salaries	$845 00	$145 00	
Current expenses, improvements, etc	475 00	525 00	
Student Aid		800 00	
	$1,320 00	$1,470 00	
			2,790 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
BENNETT ACADEMY, CLARKSON, MISS.			
Salaries	$1,800 00	$705 00	
Current expenses, improvements, etc		300 00	
	$1,800 00	$1,005 00	
			$2,805 00
DICKSON HALL, CLARKSON, MISS.			
Salaries	$315 00		
Current expenses		$200 00	
	$315 00	$200 00	
			515 00
REBECCA MCCLESKEY HOME, BOAZ, ALA.			
Salaries	$850 00	$950 00	
Current expenses, improvements, etc	550 00	800 00	
Student Aid		3,500 00	
Building (debt)		1,000 00	
	$1,400 00	$6,250 00	
CEDARTOWN, GA.			7,650 00
Salary	$500 00	$300 00	
Current expenses, improvements, etc	177 00	723 00	
Student Aid		300 00	
Building (debt)		2,000 00	
	$677 00	$3,323 00	
			4,000 00
EBENEZER C. MITCHELL HOME AND SCHOOL, MISENHEIMER, N. C.			
Salaries	$908 00	$800 00	
Current expenses, improvements, etc		692 00	
Student Aid		1,500 00	
Building (debt)		2,000 00	
	$908 00	$4,992 00	
OLIVE HILL, KY.			5,900 00
Salaries	$720 00	$360 00	
Current expenses, improvements, etc	200 00	2,100 00	
Kindergarten scholarship		300 00	
Student Aid		400 00	
	$920 00	$3,160 00	
ERIE HOME, HARLAN, KY.			4,080 00
Salaries	$841 00	$239 00	
Current expenses, improvements, etc	300 00	800 00	
Student Aid		600 00	
Building (debt)		2,000 00	
	$1,141 00	$3,639 00	
			4,780 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
City Mission and Immigrant Work, New Orleans, La.			
Salaries	$600 00	$200 00	
Current expenses		100 00	
Student Aid		300 00	
	$600 00	$600 00	
			$1,200 00
Community Schools, North Carolina.			
Salaries	$400 00	$250 00	650 00
Highland Work.			
Holston Conference, Tenn	$300 00	$300 00	600 00
Total Southern White Work	$10,627 00	$28,143 00	$38,770 00
Total Southern Work	$34,905 00	$66,235 00	$100,820 00
Utah.			
Elsinore	$790 00	$50 00	
Logan	360 00		
Moroni	720 00	120 00	
Mt. Pleasant	360 00		
Ogden	250 00		
Provo	360 00		
Spring City	720 00	120 00	
Ephraim	240 00	120 00	
Salary (where needed)	207 00	263 00	
Salt Lake:			
Salaries	600 00		
Current expenses	600 00	875 00	
Extra worker (if needed)		360 00	
	$5,207 00	$1,908 00	
			$7,115 00
Spanish-American Work.			
Harwood Home and School, Albuquerque, N. M.			
Salaries	$1,800 00	$600 00	
Current expenses, improvements, etc	150 00	300 00	
Student Aid		2,000 00	
	$1,950 00	$2,900 00	
			4,850 00
Tucson Industrial Home and School, Tucson, Arizona.			
Salaries	$1,600 00	$560 00	
Current expenses, improvements, etc	300 00	700 00	
Student Aid		2,000 00	
Building (debt)		5.000 00	
	$1,900 00	$8,260 00	
			10,160 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
ROSE GREGORY HOUCHEN SETTLEMENT HOUSE, EL PASO, TEXAS.			
Salaries	$1,000 00	$200 00	
Current expenses, improvements, etc	188 00	812 00	
Deaconess		200 00	
Student Aid		300 00	
Building (debt)		4,200 00	
	$1,188 00	$5,712 00	
			$6,900 00
FRANCES DEPAUW INDUSTRIAL HOME AND SCHOOL, LOS ANGELES, CAL.			
Salaries	$1,900 00	$880 00	
Current expenses, improvements, etc	417 00	588 00	
Student Aid		3,000 00	
	$2,317 00	$4,468 00	
			6,785 00
GEO. O. ROBINSON ORPHANAGE, SAN TURCE, PORTO RICO.			
Salaries	$2,540 00	$100 00	
Current expenses, farmer, etc	544 00	756 00	
Student Aid		3,600 00	
	$3,084 00	$4,456 00	
			7,540 00
MCKINLEY DAY SCHOOL, SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO.			
Salaries	$1,200 00		
Current expenses		$250 00	
Student Aid		500 00	
	$1,200 00	$750 00	
			1,950 00
FISK DAY SCHOOL, PONCE, PORTO RICO.			
Salaries	$360 00		
Current expenses		$284 00	
Student Aid		300 00	
Rent	106 00		
	$466 00	$584 00	
			1,050 00
PUERTA DE TIERRA DAY SCHOOL, PORTO RICO.			
Salary	$360 00		
Current expenses		$150 00	
Student Aid		300 00	
Rent	63 00	81 00	
	$423 00	$531 00	
			954 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
WILLIAMS, ARECIBO, PORTO RICO.			
Salary	$360 00		
Current expenses		$150 00	
Student Aid		300 00	
	$360 00	$450 00	
			$810 00
Total for Spanish-American work.	$12,888 00	$28,111 00	$40,999 00

Indian Work.

NAVAJO HOME AND SCHOOL, FARMINGTON, N. M.			
Salaries	$2,476 00	$500 00	
Current expenses		624 00	
Student Aid		3,000 00	
	$2,476 00	$4,124 00	
			$6,600 00
PONCA MISSION, PONCA, OKLA.			
Salary	$600 00		
Current expenses, improvements, etc	100 00	$125 00	
	$700 00	$125 00	
			825 00
POTTAWATOMIE MISSION, MAYETTA, KANS.			
Salary	$550 00	$250 00	
Current expenses		125 00	
	$550 00	$375 00	
			925 00
NOOKSACH MISSION, STICKNEY DAY SCHOOL, EVERSON, WASH.			
Salaries	$800 00	$172 00	
Current expenses		300 00	
Student Aid		300 00	
	$800 00	$772 00	
			1,572 00
GREENVILLE MISSION, GREENVILLE, CAL.			
Salary	$400 00	$400 00	800 00
YUMA MISSION, YUMA, CAL.			
Salaries	$500 00	$500 00	
Current expenses	180 00	300 00	
	$680 00	$800 00	
			1,480 00
Total for Indian work	$5,606 00	$6,596 00	$12,202 00

Alaska.

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
JESSE LEE HOME, UNALASKA, ALASKA.			
Salaries	$2,070 00	$590 00	
Current expenses and improvements	700 00	750 00	
Hospital		200 00	
Student Aid		2,500 00	
	$2,770 00	$4,040 00	
			$6,810 00
LAVINIA WALLACE YOUNG MISSION, NOME, ALASKA.			
Salaries	$640 00	$1,304 00	
Current expenses		1,500 00	
	$640 00	$2,804 00	
			3,444 00
SINUK MISSION, SINUK, ALASKA.			
Salaries	$800 00	$200 00	
Current expenses	200 00	1,200 00	
Student Aid		1,000 00	
	$1,000 00	$2,400 00	
			3,400 00
Total for Alaska	$4,410 00	$9,244 00	$13,654 00

Chinese Work.

ORIENTAL HOME FOR CHINESE GIRLS, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.			
Salaries and current expenses	$3,000 00		
Kindergarten		$500 00	
Student Aid		2,000 00	
Building (debt)	1,500 00	4,000 00	
	$4,500 00	$6,500 00	
			$11,000 00
LOS ANGELES, CAL.			
Salary	$500 00	$200 00	700 00
Total for Chinese work	$5,000 00	$6,700 00	$11,700 00

Japanese and Korean Work.

ELLEN STARK FORD HOME, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.			
Salaries and current expenses	$2,600 00	$400 00	
Student Aid		2,500 00	
Building (debt)		2,000 00	
	$2,600 00	$4,900 00	
			$7,500 00
JANE COUCH MEMORIAL HOME, LOS ANGELES, CAL.			
Salaries and current expenses	$776 00	$924 00	1 700 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
Susannah Wesley Home and School, Honolulu, Hawaii.			
Salary and current expenses....	$1,400 00	$400 00	
Student Aid.....		1,800 00	
Building (debt).....		5,000 00	
	$1,400 00	$7,200 00	
			$8,600 00
Catherine Blaine Home, Seattle, Wash.			
Salary and current expenses....	$988 00	$812 00	1,800 00
Total for Japanese and Korean work.....	$5,764 00	$13,836 00	$19,600 00
Anthracite Slavonic Mission, Hazelton, Pa.			
Salaries.....	$600 00	$700 00	
Current expenses.....		600 00	
Kindergarten (salary).....		300 00	
Dispensary.....		200 00	
Building (debt).....	1,000 00	3,000 00	
West Berwick.....		350 00	
	$1,600 00	$5,150 00	
			$6,750 00

Immigrant Work.—Atlantic Ports.

New York City.			
Salaries.....	$864 00	$96 00	
Current expenses.....	280 00	1,106 00	
Domestic.....		230 00	
Rent.....	2,500 00		
	$3,644 00	$1,432 00	
			5,076 00
East Boston, Mass.			
Salaries.....	$1,236 00		
Current expenses.....	364 00	$1,000 00	
Rent.....	400 00		
	$2,000 00	$1,000 00	
			3,000 00
Philadelphia, Pa.....	$360 00	$640 00	1,000 00
Pacific Coast, Angel Island, San Francisco, Cal.			
Salary.....	$322 00	$28 00	350 00
Total for Immigrant Port work.....	$6,326 00	$3,100 00	$9,426 00

Children's Homes.

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
MOTHERS' JEWELS HOME AND SCHOOL, YORK, NEB.			
Salaries	$3,000 00	$500 00	
Current expenses and improvements	1,301 00	1,799 00	
Student Aid		2,500 00	
	$4,301 00	$4,799 00	
			$9,100 00
WATTS DE PEYSTER HOME AND SCHOOL, TIVOLI, N. Y.			
Salaries	$2,000 00	$500 00	
Farmer	750 00		
Current expenses, improvements, etc	700 00	2,800 00	
Student Aid		2,200 00	
	$3,450 00	$5,500 00	
			8,950 00
ELIZABETH A. BRADLEY HOME, HULTON, PA.; P. O., OAKMONT, PA.			
Salary and current expenses	$1,000 00	$5,000 00	6,000 00
CUNNINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOME, URBANA, ILL.			
Salary	$916 00	$1,884 00	
Current expenses		1,300 00	
Student Aid		2,000 00	
Building (debt)		3,000 00	
	$916 00	$8,184 00	
			9,100 00
Total for Children's Homes	$9,667 00	$23,483 00	$33,150 00

National Training Schools for Missionaries and Deaconesses.

LUCY WEBB HAYES TRAINING SCHOOL, WASHINGTON, D. C.			
Salaries	$3,740 00	$500 00	
Current expenses	8,260 00	2,500 00	
Student Aid		5,000 00	
	$12,000 00	$8,000 00	
			20,000 00
KANSAS CITY TRAINING SCHOOL, KANSAS CITY, MO.			
Salaries	$1,500 00	$2,500 00	
Current expenses	3,500 00		
Student Aid		2,500 00	
	$5,000 00	$5,000 00	
			10,000 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
Bible Training School, San Francisco, Cal.			
Salary	$2,000 00		
Current expenses	2,000 00	$2,400 00	
[Student Aid		1,800 00	
	$4,000 00	$4,200 00	
			$8,200 00
McCrum Slavonic Training School, Uniontown, Pa.			
Salaries	$600 00	$500 00	
Current expenses	176 00	874 00	
Student Aid		1,000 00	
	$776 00	$2,374 00	
			3,150 00
Colored Training School		$2,000 00	2,000 00
Total for Training Schools	$21,776 00	$21,574 00	$43,350 00

Hospitals.

Sibley, Washington, D. C	$1,000 00	$1,000 00	
Ellen A. Burge, Springfield, Mo		2,000 00	
Beth-El, Colorado Springs, Colo		12,000 00	
Graham, Keokuk, Iowa		1,000 00	
Methodist Episcopal, Indianapolis, Ind		10,000 00	
Harwood, Albuquerque, N. M		2,000 00	
Rapids City, Dakota		2,000 00	
Holden, Litchfield, Ill		5,000 00	
Los Angeles, Cal		10,000 00	
Emergency Fund	500 00		
Total for Hospitals	$1,500 00	$45,000 00	
			$46,500 00

Deaconess Work.

Aldrich Memorial, Grand Rapids, Mich		$4,000 00	
Amee Home for Working Women, Gardiner, Me		1,000 00	
Barre, Vt		2,500 00	
Bidwell Home and Iowa Training School, Des Moines, Iowa		5,000 00	
Brooklyn, N. Y		6,000 00	
Central Pennsylvania — Anthracite Mission, Hazelton, Pa		1,500 00	
Cleveland, Ohio		7,000 00	
Denver, Col.—Margaret Evans		4,000 00	
Detroit, Mich		4,500 00	
Duluth, Minn		2,500 00	
Genesee Conference, Buffalo, N. Y		30,000 00	
Griffin, Albany, N. Y		3,500 00	
Burlington, Vt		500 00	

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
Holloway, Bridgeport, Ohio		$3,000 00	
Indianapolis Station		2,000 00	
Irene Maitland, New Castle, Pa		2,000 00	
Jersey City, N. J		2,800 00	
Lexington, Ky		300 00	
McKelvey, Columbus, Ohio		3,500 00	
Maine, Portland, Me		2,500 00	
Minnesota Conference, St. Paul		3,500 00	
Newark, N. J		2,500 00	
New Haven, Conn.—Dwight Blakeslee		3,000 00	
Philadelphia, Pa		13,500 00	
Pittsburgh, Pa		5,500 00	
Shesler, Sioux City, Iowa		10,000 00	
Southern California Conference		5,000 00	
Southwest Kansas Conference		2,500 00	
Stone Settlement, Martinsburgh, W. Va		1,500 00	
Washington, D. C		2,500 00	
Wilmington, Del		3,500 00	
Utica, N. Y		1,500 00	
Binghamton, N. Y		2,500 00	
Camden, N. J		1,200 00	
Harrisburgh, Pa		1,000 00	
Deaconess Stations		12,500 00	
			$160,500 00

Rest Homes.

Bancroft, Ocean Grove, N. J	$755 00	$1,545 00	
Elvira Olney, Ludington, Mich		300 00	
Thompson, Mt. Lake Park, Md		900 00	
Wing, Huntington Beach, Cal		300 00	
Beulah, San Francisco, Cal		750 00	
Kate Cunningham, Ridgeway, Pa		500 00	
Philadelphia Conference, Philadelphia, Pa		600 00	
	$755 00	$4,895 00	
			$5,650 00

City Missions.

Elizabeth E. Marcy Center, Chicago, Ill.			
Salaries	$3,800 00	$500 00	
Current expenses		3,400 00	
Dispensary and hospital		1,000 00	
Special Hospital	2,000 00		
Boys' club		300 00	
Jewish work		200 00	
New work		500 00	
	$5,800 00	$5,900 00	
			$11,700 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
CHICAGO MISSION WORK.			
Marcy Center		$2,000 00	
Hobbs House Girls' Club		2,000 00	
Italian work, Chicago		1,400 00	
Italian work, Joliet, Ill		360 00	
Italian work, Rockford, Ill		600 00	
Spring Valley and Ladd		750 00	
Lincoln Street		450 00	
West Side		360 00	
South Chicago		600 00	
New work		1,500 00	
		$10,020 00	
			$10,020 00
GLENN HOME, CINCINNATI, OHIO.			
Salary and current expenses	$750 00	$3,000 00	3,750 00
HULL STREET SETTLEMENT AND MEDICAL MISSION, BOSTON, MASS	$1,200 00	$3,800 00	5,000 00
EAST ST. LOUIS SLAVONIC MISSION	$150 00	$1,150 00	1,300 00
PORTLAND, ORE	$2,290 00	$3,710 00	6,000 00
METHODIST EPISCOPAL HOME FOR GIRLS, ST. LOUIS, MO		$1,500 00	1,500 00
EAST ST. LOUIS, CENTRAL MISSOURI CONFERENCE	$100 00		100 00
Total City Missions	$10,290 00	$29,080 00	$39,370 00
ITALIAN WORK.			
Altoona, Pa		$400 00	
Kingston, Pa., Wyoming Conf		100 00	
Scranton, Pa., Wyoming Conf		200 00	
Astoria, L. I		125 00	
Rochester, N. Y		500 00	
Utica, N. Y	$600 00	1,200 00	
Syracuse, N. Y		350 00	
Cortland, N. Y		400 00	
Youngstown, Ohio		500 00	
Portland, Me		200 00	
Providence, R. I		200 00	
Middletown, Conn		100 00	
New Haven, Conn		100 00	
New London, Conn		100 00	
New Britain, Conn		100 00	
Des Moines, Iowa	250 00	250 00	
Tacoma, Wash	500 00	1,000 00	
Jamestown N. Y		100 00	
	$1,350 00	$5,925 00	
			$7,275 00

Conference Work.

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
Central Pennsylvania—Mt. Carmel..		$400 00	
Erie, New Castle, Pa.....		100 00	
Idaho.....		500 00	
Indiana.....		500 00	
Indiana, Indianapolis.....		1,800 00	
Michigan.....		400 00	
Nebraska (Bohemian).....		750 00	
North-East Ohio.....		150 00	
North-East Ohio (Coshocton).....		500 00	
Northern Minnesota.....		450 00	
North Indiana.....		1,000 00	
Northwest Indiana (Gary).....		800 00	
Oklahoma.....		350 00	
Pittsburgh (salaries, coke region)....		500 00	
South Kansas (Pittsburgh).....		300 00	
Southern California (David and Margaret).....		1,500 00	
Upper Iowa.....		500 00	
West Virginia.....		480 00	
West Wisconsin (Ashland District)...	$350 00		
West Wisconsin (Indian).....		1,000 00	
Wisconsin (Indian).....		300 00	
Wyoming, Rock Springs.....	350 00	50 00	
	$700 00	$12,340 00	
			$13,040 00
Temperance work.....	$500 00		
Missionaries' travel.....	3,500 00		
Printing.....	3,500 00		
Field workers.....	6,000 00		
Editor and publisher.....	2,750 00		
Secretaries.....	4,000 00		
Board of Managers' Meeting.....	2,000 00		
	$22,250 00		
			22,250 00
INTEREST, INSURANCE, AND TAXES.			
Interest on Annuities, Endowments, and Notes.....	$9,500 00		
Insurance and Taxes.....	2,500 00		
	$12,000 00		
			12,000 00
ADMINISTRATION.			
Attorney fees.....	$700 00		
Office expenses.....	6,000 00		
Incidentals.....	2,500 00		
	$9,200 00		
			9,200 00
Total General Expenses....	$43,450 00		$43,450 00
GRAND TOTALS.....	$171,194 00	$443,677 00	$614,871 00

Approved Building Fund.

	Unconditional.	Conditional
Thayer Home, Atlanta, Ga		$30,000 00
Eliza Dee, Austin, Texas		20,000 00
Mathiston, Miss		40,000 00
Harlan Ky		10,000 00
Geo. O. Robinson, San Turce, P. R.		8,000 00
Navajo, Farmington, N. M		15,000 00
Nome, Alaska		5,000 00
Catherine Blaine, Seattle, Wash		4,000 00
Mothers' Jewels, York, Neb		20,000 00
Lucy Webb Hayes Training School, Washington, D. C		120,000 00
Kansas City Training School		75,000 00
Colored Training School		2,000 00
Portland, Ore		10,000 00
Harwood Hospital, Albuquerque, N. M		5,000 00
Los Angeles Hospital, Cal		10,000 00
Orvis Cottage, P. R		10,000 00
Meisenheimer, N. C., Boys' Dormitory		10.000 00
Ogden, Utah		5,000 00
Nome, Alaska (Gymnasium)		3,000 00

MRS. S. J. TURNER,
Secretary Finance Committee.

MRS. DELIA LATHROP WILLIAMS,
Chairman Finance Committee.

Additional Appropriations Made by the Board of Managers, October 15th to 22d.

	Unconditional.	Conditional.
Mt. Lake Park (Summer School)	$50 00	
Atlanta (Kindergarten Mission)	200 00	
Panama Exposition (Exhibit)	300 00	
Pittsburgh Conference (Coke Work)		$500 00
Pittsburgh Conference Work		500 00
Rock River (Marcy Center)		1,000 00
West Va. (Miners)		200 00
Wisconsin (Indian)		200 00
Iowa (Italian)		100 00
Nebraska (Bohemian and Deaconess)		1,000 00

PLEDGES.

General Fund: Baltimore, $3,000; Central Illinois, $2,200; Central New York, $3,500; Central Pennsylvania, $2,700; Cincinnati, $8,000; Columbia River, $800; Dakota, $500; Delaware, $800; Des Moines, $3,000; Detroit, $2,500; Erie, $3,500; Genesee, $3,000; Illinois, $3,000; Iowa, $2,000; Lexington, $300; Maine, $800; Michigan, $2,500; Minnesota, $500; Missouri, $200; Nebraska, $1,800; Newark, $2,700; New England, $2,000; New England Southern, $1,400; New Jersey, $2,500; New York, $1,600; New York East, $2,500; North Dakota, $300; North Indiana, $3,015; North Nebraska, $1,000; North-East Ohio, $5,700; North Minnesota, $600; Northwest Indiana, $2,225; Northwest Kansas, $600; Oklahoma, $700; Philadelphia, $2,500; Pittsburg, $4,000; Puget Sound, $1,200; Rock River, $3,869; South Kansas, $775; Southern California, $3,400; Southwest Kansas, $1,800; Troy, $2,500; Upper Iowa, $3,000; Vermont, $800; Washington, $609; West Texas, $125; West Virginia, $650; Wilmington, $1,000; Wyoming, $2,000; West Ohio, $4,000.

Special to General Fund: Alabama, $40; Atlanta, $100; Baltimore, $250; California, $100; Central Illinois, $150; Central Missouri, $10; Central New York, $25; Hedding Church, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $100; Central Tennessee, $10; Colorado, $50; Delaware, $30; Des Moines, $200; Detroit, $300; Mrs. G. O. Robinson, $100; East Tennessee, $30; Erie, $125; Genesee, $310; Holston, $25; Illinois, $50; Iowa, $60; Indiana, $60; Kansas, $50; Little Rock, $25; Maine, $25; Michigan, $250; Minnesota, $100; Nebraska, $25; Newark, $200; New England, $50; New Jersey, $35; New York, $160; Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, $100; New York East, $200; North Carolina, $10; North Dakota, $25; Mrs. Cline, $25; North-East Ohio, $300; North Minnesota, $100; Northern New York, $100; Northwest Indiana, $300; Northwest Iowa, $200; Ohio, 100; Mrs. D. L. Williams, $25; Oklahoma, $25; Philadelphia, $200; Pittsburgh, $200; Puget Sound, $200; Rock River, $600; Mrs. E. L. Albright, $25; St. John's River, $50; St. Louis, $100; South Carolina, $10; Southern California, $575; South German, $25; Southern Illinois, $235; Southwest Kansas, $25; Troy, $25; Upper Iowa, $150; Mrs. M. C. Bliss, $10; Upper Mississippi, $25; Utah Mission, Salt Lake Workers' Auxiliary, Utah, Mrs. Potter, $25; Washington, $25; West Texas, $25; West Virginia, $100; West Wisconsin, $50; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $50; Wyoming, $200; Mrs. H. F. Haskins, $300; West Ohio, $200; Mrs. J. W. Gosling, $10; Mrs. Christie Herron, $10; Mrs. W. A. Goodman, $10. Persons Responsible: Miss C. Schwartz, $50; Mrs. S. J. Turner, $25; Mrs. C. L. Weaver, $100; Mrs. H. Hill, $100; Miss Carrie Barge, $100; Miss Mary B. Evans, $50; Miss Josephine Corbin, $100; Mrs. D. Onstott, $50; Mrs. E. Mason, $50; Mrs. H. D. Ketcham, $10; North Indiana, $25.

Thayer Home.—*Salary:* Genessee, $25; North Indiana, $320; *Current Expenses:* Ohio, $25; Southern California, $15. *Student Aid:* Central Pennsylvania, $50; Colorado, $15; Dakota, $50; Delaware, $50; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $90; Minnesota, $70; Nebraska, $10; New England, $110; New England Southern, $50; New York East, $100; North Indiana, $70; Philadelphia, $10; Pittsburgh, $30; Rock River, $60; South Kansas, $10; Troy, $15; Vermont, $15; Washington, $60; Wisconsin, $70; Wyoming, $50; West Ohio, $25. *Special:* Central Illinois, $50; New York East,

$100; Wisconsin, $50. *Building:* Central New York, $100; to name room, Columbia River, $20; Des Moines, $250; Erie, $10; Iowa, $100; Newark, $50; New England Southern, $40; North-East Ohio, $100; North Minnesota, $250; North New York, $25; Oklahoma, $25; Puget Sound, $10; Washington, $60; West Ohio, $100: *Kindergarten:* New York, $15; Washington, $10; Atlanta Mission, North Minnesota, $15; Wilmington, $5.

Haven Home.—*Salary:* Erie, $300; Philadelphia, $5. *Current Expenses:* Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $25. *Student Aid:* Dakota, $50; Delaware, $50; Erie, $50; Genessee, $50; Young People, $35; Indiana, $10; Nebraska, $20; New England, $50; New York, $10; North Dakota, $50; North Indiana, $25; North-East Ohio, $100; North Minnesota, $50; Northern New York, $20; Ohio, $25; Philadelphia, $81; Pittsburgh, $20; West Ohio, $50. *Special:* Genesee, $10; Wilmington, $10. *Building:* Central New York, $100; to name room, New Jersey, $20; Philadelphia, $100. *Kindergarten:* New Jersey, $15.

Boylan Home.—*Salary:* North Indiana, $320. *Current Expenses:* Genesee, $10; Indiana, $50; Minnesota, $20; New York East, $10; North Indiana, $40; Northern New York, $15; Washington, $5. *Student Aid:* Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $75; Erie, $25; Illinois, $125; Michigan, $25; Montana, $5; New Hampshire, $100; New York, $10; North Indiana, $50; North-East Ohio, $100; North Minnesota, $50; Ohio, $50; Pittsburgh, $25; Upper Iowa, $50; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $60; Wyoming, $50; West Ohio, $50. Miss Guernsey for Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, $50. *Special:* Central New York, $10; Michigan, $5; New England Southern, $5; North-East Ohio, $25 for plumbing. *Building:* Rock River, $25.

Brewster Hospital.—*Current Expenses:* Erie, $20; Genesee, $25; Michigan, $25; North Nebraska, $5; North-East Ohio, $50; Rock River, $20; Upper Iowa, $25; Washington, $10; West Ohio, $25. *Student Aid:* Des Moines, $25. *Special:* California, $10; Central Pennsylvania, $10; New York, $10; North Indiana, $40; Northwest Indiana, $50; Ohio, $30.

Emerson Home.—North-East Ohio, $150; Indiana, $5. *Current Expenses:* Detroit, $25; Erie, $20; Nebraska, $10; New York East, $10; Pittsburgh, $10; West Ohio, $25. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $50; Detroit, $60; Miss H. Bancroft, $10; Genesee, $20; Michigan, $25; Montana, $5; New England Southern, $10; North Indiana, $90; North-East Ohio, $50; Ohio, $25; Upper Iowa, $50. *Building:* Cincinnati, $10. *Special:* Central New York, $10.

Allen Home.—*Salary:* Central New York, $25; Indiana, $206; Iowa, $25; Northwest Indiana, $25. *Current Expenses:* Genesee, $10; Lexington, $5; Michigan, $25; Nebraska, $10; Pittsburg, $10; Rock River, $25; Southern California, $10. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $50; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $80; Erie, $80; Genesee, $20; Indiana, $70; Michigan, $25; New England Southern, $75; North Carolina, $25; North-East Ohio, $100; Northwest Indiana, $50; Wyoming, $50; West Ohio, $50. Miss Carrie Barge for Margaret Barry, $50. *Special:* Central Illinois, $25; Central New York, $25. *Kindergarten:* North-East Ohio, $15.

Browning Home.—*Salary:* Detroit, $320; Northeast Ohio, $200. *Current Expenses:* Genesee, $10; New England Southern, $25; plantation work, $25; Ohio, $25. *Student Aid:* California, $5; Central New York, $25; Detroit, $50; Genesee, $10; Michigan, $25; Minnesota, $25; New England Southern, $50; New Hampshire, $50; New York, $5; North Carolina, $25; North-East Ohio, $50; Rock River, $50; Washington, $50; Wisconsin, $5. *Special:* Central Illinois, $50; Detroit, $50; New England, $10 for plantation work; New York, $5; Orangeburg Auxiliary, $50; Camden Auxiliary, $50. *Building:* New England, $100. *Furnishings:* North Indiana, $25.

KENT HOME.—*Salary:* Detroit, $320; Genesee, $10. *Current Expenses:* North Indiana, $25; St. Louis, $15. *Student Aid:* Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $400; Genesee, $20; New York, $45; North Carolina, $25; North-East Ohio, $50; Pittsburgh, $20; Rock River, $50; Washington, $50; Wisconsin, $10; West Ohio, $25. Miss Guernsey, for Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, $50. *Special:* New York East, $25.

NEW JERSEY HOME.—*Current Expenses:* Columbia River, $5; Lexington, $10. *Student Aid:* Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $200; Lexington, $15; Newark, $20; New Jersey, $50; New York, $20. *Special:* New Jersey, $10; New York East, $10.

E. L. RUST HOME.—*Salary:* North-East Ohio, $320. *Current Expenses:* Colorado, $10. *Student Aid:* Central Pennsylvania, $50; Detroit, $50; Erie, $25; Genesee, $25; Indiana Young People, $50; Iowa, $50; Michigan, $75; New York, $20; North Indiana, $50; North-East Ohio, $50; Northern New York, $50; Rock River, $50; South Kansas, $10; Upper Iowa, $25; Vermont, $50; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $20; Wyoming, $50; West Ohio, $50. *Special:* Illinois, $20; Lexington, $10; Newark, $75; New York East, $15; North Indiana, $25; North-East Ohio, $100; Southern California, $10; Upper Iowa, $75; to name window for Moses Adams, $10. *Building:* Cincinnati, $5; Des Moines, $100; Detroit, $25; Erie, $10; Genesee, $15; Kansas, $30; Lexington, $25; New England, $25; New Jersey, $40; Ohio, $75; Oklahoma, $25; Philadelphia, $10; Upper Mississippi, to name room, $200; West Ohio, $50. *Furnishings:* Central New York, $100; Wyoming, $75. *Desks:* New Jersey Young People, $9; New York East, $5; Philadelphia, $6; Mrs. Ward Platt, $10; Mrs. Levi Gilbert, $5; Southern California, $10; Washington, $5; Mrs. D. J. Durrell, $3; Mrs. G. H. Thompson, $5. *Windows:* Baltimore, $10; Central Pennsylvania Young People, $10; Delaware, $10; Indiana, $11.50; Michigan, $10; New Jersey, $10; New York East, $10; Puget Sound, $10; Miss Alice Guernsey, $10; Miss Bessie Garrison responsible for twenty colored Conferences, $100.

ADELINE SMITH HOME.—Salary: Wisconsin, $10. *Current Expenses:* Erie, $40; Genesee, $10; Southern Illinois, $5; West Ohio, $25. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $50; Colorado, $50; Des Moines, $100; Detroit, $100; Genesee, $25; Iowa, $25; Kansas, $100; Lexington, $15; Little Rock, $50; from Taylor Chapel Auxiliary, Michigan, $75; Minnesota, $10; New York East, $50; North Nebraska, $5; North-East Ohio, $150; Northern Minnesota, $50; Northern New York, $50; Northwest Indiana, $100; Northwest Kansas, $25; Ohio, $25; Pittsburgh, $25; Rock River, $150; Southern Kansas, $5; Southwest Kansas, $100; Upper Iowa, $100; Wisconsin, $30; West Ohio, $50. *Special:* Atlanta, $5; Central New York, $25; Detroit, $25. *For Laundry:* Michigan, $10; North Indiana, $20; North-East Ohio, $15. *Building:* Lexington, $10; Little Rock, $100. *Young People for Improvements:* Northwest Iowa, $50. *Chairs:* Central Pennsylvania, $5; Genesee, $1; Miss Alice Gurnsey, $1.

PECK SCHOOL.—*Salary:* Genesee, $30. *Current Expenses:* California, $90; Iowa, $25; Kansas, $150; New York East, $10; Northwest Kansas, $10; Ohio, $20; Oregon, $15; Washington, $5. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $100; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $20; Erie, $5; Genesee, $20; Illinois, $25; Indiana, $24.50; Lexington, $25; New Hampshire, $10; North Indiana, $15; Puget Sound, $15; Southwest Kansas, $30; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $50; Wyoming, $25. *Special:* Central New York, $400; Lexington, $5; Michigan, $12 for typewriter; New York, $5; North Indiana, $25; Oklahoma, $10. *Building:* Erie, $20; North-East Ohio, $100; Rock River, $25; West Ohio, $50.

KING HOME.—*Salary:* Genesee, $10; North-East Ohio, $150. *Current Expenses:* Iowa, $50; Missouri, $5; Nebraska, $10; North Indiana, $25;

Northern New York, $25; Ohio, $50; Puget Sound, $10; West Virginia, $5; West Ohio, $600. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $30; Dakota, $50; Des Moines, $30; Detroit, $75; Genesee, $40; Indiana, $7.50; Iowa, $50; Michigan, $50; Minnesota, $10; Newark, $20; North Indiana, $25; North-East Ohio, $50; Ohio, $25; Rock River, $50; South Kansas, $5; Southwest Kansas, $30; Wisconsin, $10. *Special:* Central Illinois, $50; Central New York, $50; Illinois, $30; New England, $25; New York, $5; Upper Iowa, $25; Wilmington, $10. *Building:*. Erie, $100; Maine, $25; North Dakota, $10; North-East Ohio, $100; Northwest Iowa, $50.

Eliza Dee Home—*Salary:* West Texas, $50. *Current Expenses:* Genesee, $10; Illinois, $5; Indiana, $5; Iowa, $50; Nebraska, $10; New York East, $10; Northwest Kansas, $10. *Student Aid:* California, $10; Colorado, $15; Detroit, $75; Genesee, $25; Iowa, $50; Michigan, $25; Minnesota, $10; Newark, $20; North Indiana, $50; South Kansas, $5; Upper Iowa, $50; Washington, $25; Wisconsin, $10. *Special:* Central Illinois, $15; Central New York, $50; Columbia River, $15; New York, $5; Oklahoma, $25; Wilmington, $10; Wisconsin, $25. *Building:* Baltimore, Mrs. C. L. Roach, $5; California, Mrs. Willis for Young People, $10; Central New York, $5; Central Pennsylvania, $10; Dakota, $100; Detroit, $100; Erie, $500; Genesee, $25; Young People, $10; Illinois, $50; Mrs. H. Ketchum, $10; Kansas, $10; Lexington, $30; Little Rock, $5; New Jersey, $10; New York, $5; North Carolina Queen Esther Circle, $15; North Dakota, $20; North-East Ohio, $200; Northern Minnesota, $100; Northern New York, $10; Ohio, $280; Philadelphia, $10; Pittsburgh, $5; Puget Sound, $5; Rock River, $35; South Carolina, $5; Southern California, $25; Southwest Kansas, $25; Washington, $25; West Texas, $200; Wyoming, $10; West Ohio, $100. *Windows:* Central Pennsylvania, $10; Kansas, Mrs. Knostman, $10; Iowa, Mrs. Murphy, $300; To name room, Des Moines, $50.

Elizabeth Ritter Home.—*Salary:* North Indiana, $20; North Minnesota, $250; West Ohio, $360. *Current Expenses:* Genesee, $10; Indiana, $20; Nebraska, $10; Ohio, $100; West Virginia, $25. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $50; Central Illinois, $100; Central New York, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $50; Columbia River, $20; Des Moines, $100; Detroit, $225; Erie, $160; Genesee, $25; Illinois, $110; Indiana, $120; Queen Esther Circle, $70; Iowa, $60; Michigan, $50; Minnesota, $120; Newark, $40 New England, $25; New England Southern, $50; New Hampshire, $25; New Jersey, $100; New York, $25; New York East, $50; North Indiana, $15; North-East Ohio, $150; Northern Minnesota, $110; Northern New York, $150; Northwest Kansas, $50; Ohio, $150; Pittsburgh, $60; Rock River, $25; St. Louis, $25; Southwest Kansas, $100; Upper Iowa, $50; Wilmington, $50; Wisconsin, $10; Wyoming, $50; West Ohio, $100; *Special:* Genesee, $10; Northern Indiana, $25; Upper Iowa, $25.

Bennett Home.—*Salary:* Colorado, $50. *Current Expenses:* Genesee, $20; Missouri, $20; Nebraska, $10; Newark, $25; Pittsburgh, $22.50. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $100; Central New York, $50; Cincinnati, $20; Columbia River, $20; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $200; East Tennessee, $50; Erie, $170; Illinois, $100; Indiana, $108; Young People, $35; Iowa, $50; Michigan, $45; Minnesota, $10; New England, $50; New Hampshire, $50; New York, 10; New York East, $100; Northern Indiana, $75; North-East Ohio, $100; Northern Minnesota, $50; Northwest Indiana, $50; Northwest Kansas, $50; Oklahoma, $100; Philadelphia, $2; Pittsburgh, $10; Rock River, $75; St. Louis, $50; Wisconsin, $10; Wyoming, $150. *Special:* Dakota, $20; Kansas, $75; New York East, $20; Northern Indiana, $25; Northwest Indiana, $150; St. Louis, $20; Wilmington, $25. *Building:* California, $10; Central Illinois, $400; Personal, $10; Cincin-

nati, $90; Mrs. I. D. Jones, $10; Des Moines, $500; Detroit, $15; Erie, $500; Genesee, $50; Iowa, $50; Maine, $10; New England, $10; New England Southern, $50; New Hampshire, $50; New Jersey, $10; New York East, $10; North-East Ohio, $400; Northern Minnesota, $250; Ohio, $300; Oklahoma, $75; Rock River, $75; Southern California, $10; Southern Illinois, $50; Southwest Kansas, $5; Upper Iowa, $1,000; Wisconsin, $25; Wyoming, $200; West Ohio, $250; Mrs. Levi Gilbert, $5; Miss Guernsey, $10; to name room, Central New York, $250.

Rebecca McCleskey Home.—*Salary:* Central Illinois, $500; Genesee, $10; North-East Ohio, $300. *Current Expenses:* Cent. Pennsylvania, $50; North Nebraska, $45; Northern New York, $50; Southern California, $10; Southern Illinois, $28. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $100; Cent. Illinois, $200; Cent. New York, $100; Cent. Pennsylvania, $50; Cincinnati, $50; Colorado, $15; Des Moines, $100; Detroit, $200; Erie, $200; Genesee, $20; Illinois, $175; Indiana, $55; Young People, $80.50; Iowa, $50; Kansas, $50; Michigan, $50; Minnesota, $95; New England, $50; New England Southern, $100; New Hampshire, $50; New Jersey, $100; New York, $50; New York East, $50; North Dakota, $50; Northern Indiana, $240; North Nebraska, $50; North-East Ohio, $200; Northern Minnesota, $60; Northern New York, $100; Northwest Indiana, $50; Northwest Kansas, $50; Ohio, $50; Pittsburgh, $10; Rock River, $100; St. Louis, $150; South Kansas, $20; Southwest Kansas, $65; Upper Iowa, $100; Wilmington, $10; Wisconsin, $50; Wyoming, $50; West Ohio, $100. *Special:* Central Illinois, $25; New York East, $15; Northern Indiana, $50; Puget Sound, $10. *Building:* Central Pennsylvania, $20; Cincinnati, $10; Des Moines, $100; Nebraska, $300; Northern Nebraska, $45; Rock River, $50.

Cedartown.—*Salary:* Iowa, $25; Genesee, $10; Northwest Indiana, $100. *Current Expenses:* .Columbia River, $10; Des Moines, $25; Illinois, $50; Indiana, $10; Kansas, $15; North New York, $10; Oregon, $10. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $50; Central New York, $20; Detroit, $25; Genesee, $20; Indiana, $10; Michigan, $25; Minnesota, $20; Northern Minnesota, $100; Northwest Indiana, $30; Puget Sound, $10; Miss Gurnsey, for Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, $15; West Ohio, $50. *Special:* Central New York, $30; Newark, $200; New York East, $15; North-East Ohio, $300; Northwest Indiana, $50; Ohio, $15; Oklahoma, $25. *Building:* Detroit, $100; Erie, $50; Genesee, $20; Iowa, $50; Michigan, $15; Minnesota, Mrs. B. Longley, $10; New York, $200; New England Southern, $20; Northern Indiana, $75; Pittsburgh, Mrs. P. D. Perchment, $100; Rock River, $50; Southern California, $10; Upper Iowa, $100; West Ohio, $155; Miss Carrie Barge, $25; Miss Alice Guernsey, $25.

Ebenezer C. Mitchell.—*Salary:* Northern Indiana, $320. *Current Expenses:* New York East, $15; North-East Ohio, $50; Oregon, $10; St. Louis, $5; West Wisconsin, $25. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $100; Central New York, $200; Central Pennsylvania, $100; Cincinnati, $50; Colorado, $50; Columbia River, $50; Dakota, $100; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $175; Erie, $370; Genesee, $75; Illinois, $170; Indiana, $100; Young People, $25; Iowa, $60; Maine, $5; Michigan, $75; Minnesota, $85; New England Southern, $100; New Jersey, $50; North Dakota, $125; Northern Indiana, $180; North Nebraska, $100; North-East Ohio, $250; Northern Minnesota, $50; Northwest Indiana, $100; Northwest Iowa, $5; Ohio, $50; Philadelphia, $150; Pittsburgh, $10; Puget Sound, $50; Southern Illinois, $100; Troy, $50; Upper Iowa, $100; Wisconsin, $5; Wyoming, $60; West Ohio, $50. *Special:* California, $5; New York East $75; North-East Ohio, $50; Southern California, $15; Southwest Kansas, $27; Wilmington, $10. *Building:* Cincinnati, $35; Indiana, Mrs. L. H. Bunyan, $10; Michigan, $10; Oklahoma, $10; Pittsburgh, $30; Rock River,

$100; St. Johns River. $20; Ohio, $50. *Boys' Dormitories:* Central New York, $25; Des Moines, $25; New York, $20; Northern Indiana, $450.

Olive Hill, Kentucky.—*Salary:* Minnesota, $25; Puget Sound, $5. *Current Expenses:* Indiana, $5; Nebraska, $10; New England Southern, $20; New York East, $10; North-East Ohio, $50. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $30; Central Pennsylvania, $100; Detroit, $50; Illinois, $10; Kansas, $52.50; Lexington, $10; Michigan, $30; North Dakota, $10; Northern Minnesota, $50; Northern New York, $5; Ohio, $15; Rock River, $50; Wyoming, $50. *Special:* Central New York, $25; Kentucky, $100. *Kindergarten:* New Jersey, $15; Northwest Kansas, $15; Vermont, $15. *Range:* Kansas, Mrs. E. L. Knostman, $5; New Jersey, $5; North-East Ohio, $5; Philadelphia, Mrs. Ward Platt, $5; Southern California, $5; Mrs. D. J. Durrell, West Ohio, $5; Mrs. H. C. Jennings, $5; Mrs. Levi Gilbert, $5; Mrs. G. F. Jennings, Minnesota, $5.

Harlan, Kentucky.—*Salary:* Minnesota, $25; Puget Sound, $10. *Current Expenses:* Indiana, $10; Nebraska, $10; New England Southern, $20; North-East Ohio, $50; West Virginia, $10. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $50; Central Illinois, $50; Detroit, $75; Erie, $15; Illinois, $10; Indiana, $50; Young People, $10; Iowa, $50; Kansas, $52.50; Kentucky, $50; Lexington, $10; Michigan, $10; Missouri, $25; North Minnesota, $45; Northwest Iowa, $10; Northwest Kansas, $50; Oklahoma, $50; St. Louis, $30; Southern Kansas, $40; Wyoming, $50. *Special:* Central New York, $50; Erie, $360; Illinois, $5; Kentucky, $25; Michigan, $5; New England, $10; Oklahoma, $75; Pittsburgh, for printing press, $150; Vermont, $25. *Building "Aiken Hall:"* Baltimore, $10; California, $15; Central Illinois, $25; Central New York, $25; Cincinnati, $35; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $25; Genesee, $50; Indiana Young People, $20; Iowa, $25; Kansas, $100; Kentucky, $421; Lexington, $20; Michigan, $75; Nebraska, $40; New Jersey, $20; Young People, $10; New York East, $5; North Dakota, $15; Northern Indiana, $40; Ohio, $50; Philadelphia, $25; Pittsburgh, $300; Rock River, $100; St. Johns River, $100; to name room, Southern Illinois, $10; Southern Kansas, $10; West Ohio, $25. *Kindergarten:* California, $10; North Ohio, $15; Indiana, $15; Ohio, $15. *Furnishings:* St. Johns River, $50.

Italian Missions, New Orleans.—Des Moines, $10; Florida, Miss Bessie Garrison, $5; California Young People, $15; Kansas, $127; Northwest Kansas, $10; Northwest Indiana, $30; Michigan, $25; Oklahoma, $15.

Community Schools.—Central New York, $25; Baltimore, $160; Michigan, $10; Nebraska, $50; New Jersey, $10; New York, $10; Northern New York, $25; Pittsburgh, $35; Rock River, $25; Wilmington, $25; West Ohio, $40.

Highland Work.—*Salary:* Ohio, $10; Michigan, $10; New York, $10; New York East, $75; Southwest Kansas, $120.

Utah.—*Salary:* Cincinnati, $10; Des Moines, $50; Genesee, $25; Illinois, $30; Iowa, $100; Kansas, $50; Michigan, $65; Minnesota, $25; New Jersey, $10; North Indiana, $25; North Nebraska, $5; Oklahoma, $25; Pittsburgh, $20; Puget Sound, $10; Upper Iowa, $100. *Current Expenses:* California, $10; Colorado, $20; Columbia River, $25; Indiana, $10; Young People, $7; Missouri, $10; New England Southern, $10; New York, $25; North Indiana, $25; North-East Ohio, $100; Northwest Kansas, $10; Oklahoma, $25; Oregon, $25; Philadelphia, $10; Rock River, $20; Wisconsin, $10; Wyoming, $50. *Student Aid:* New Hampshire, $15; Rock River, $50. *Special:* Central Illinois, $50; Central New York, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $25; Erie, $10; Indiana, $5; Newark, $25; New York, $10; New York East, $70; Northern Minnesota, $85; Northern New York, $25; Southern California, $10; Southwest Kansas, $54. *Building:* New England, $25.

HARWOOD HOME.—*Salary:* New York East, $10; Wisconsin, $10; West Ohio, $50. *Current Expenses:* Central Illinois, $25; Detroit, $10; Genesee, $15; Iowa, $25; North-East Ohio, $50. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $50; Colorado, $15; Des Moines, $70; Detroit, $75; Erie, $70; Genesee, $25; Indiana, $72; Michigan, $100; Newark, $100; New England, $35; New Jersey, 70; New York East, $100; North Dakota, $40; North Indiana, $104; North-East Ohio, $95; Northern Minnesota, $210; Northern New York, $25; Ohio, $30; Philadelphia, $87; Puget Sound, $10; St. Louis, $40; South Kansas, $55; Southwest Kansas, $25; Troy, $50; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $5; Wyoming, $70; West Ohio, $50. *Special:* New York, $40; New York East, $15. *Building:* Rock River, $35.

TUCSON.—*Salary:* Genesee, $10; North-East Ohio, $250; Upper Iowa, $25. *Current Expenses:* California, $5; Columbia River, $35; Genesee, $50; Iowa, $25; Lexington, $10; Michigan, $10; Missouri, $5; Northwest Kansas, $10; Ohio, $20. *Student Aid:* California, Mrs. Willis, $5; Central Illinois, $50; Central New York, $25; Colorado, $15; Des Moines, $70; Detroit, $100; Erie, $70; Genesee, $25; Indiana, $10; Michigan, $25; Minnesota, $95; Newark, $100; New England Southern, $10; New Jersey, $70; North-East Ohio, $140; Northwest Indiana, $70; Philadelphia, $2; Rock River, $25; Southern California, $70; Southwest Kansas, $40; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $70; Wyoming, $70. *Special:* Detroit, $25; Illinois, $5. *Improvements:* New York, $25; New York East, $25; Northern Indiana, $25; Northern New York, $100. *Building:* West Ohio, $50.

ROSE GREGORY HOUCHEN SETTLEMENT HOUSE.—*Salary:* Illinois, $40. *Current Expenses:* Baltimore, $25; California, $5; Colorado, $25; Detroit, $25; Nebraska, $10; New York East, $5; Northern New York, $10; Ohio, $20; Oregon, $25; West Ohio, $25. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $15; Detroit, $30; Genesee, $15; Michigan, $10; New England Southern, $15; Oklahoma, $15; Southwest Kansas, $20; Wisconsin, $20. *Special:* Central New York, $20; Northern Indiana, $25; Oklahoma, $25; Puget Sound, $43.38; Mrs. L. H. Bunyan for Queen Esther Circle, Florida Bureau, $15; Wilmington, $15. *Building:* Genesee, $20; Kansas, $25; Michigan, $50; Newark, $375; New England Southern, $20; North-East Ohio, $100. *Kindergarten:* $15.

FRANCES DEPAUW INDUSTRIAL HOME.—*Salary:* Michigan, $360. *Current Expenses:* California, $15; Michigan, $20; North-East Ohio, $50. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $60; Central New York, $20; Central Tennessee, $25; Colorado, $15; Columbia River, $25; Dakota, $60; Des Moines, $60; Detroit, $60; Erie, $65; Genesee, $10; Indiana, $35; Iowa, $70; Newark, $70; New York, $15; Northern Indiana, $25; North-East Ohio, $60; Ohio, $25; Oklahoma, $60; Pittsburgh, $10; Puget Sound, $5; South Kansas, $5; Southern California, $1,600; Wisconsin, $10; West Ohio, $5. *Special:* Central New York, $20; Detroit, $54. *For Paving:* North Indiana, $25; Southern California, $100. *Building:* New York, $10. *Kindergarten:* Central New York, $15; North-East Ohio, $15.

GEORGE O. ROBINSON ORPHANAGE.—*Salary:* Northern New York, $300; Southern California, $50. *Current Expenses:* Iowa, $50; Nebraska, $10; Northwest Indiana, Mrs. L. H. Bunyan, $5; Oregon, $15; Pittsburg, Christ Church Queen Esther Circle, $50; Washington, $5; Wisconsin, $10. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $70; California, $15; Central Pennsylvania, $80; Columbia River, $15; Delaware Queen Esther Circle, $5; Des Moines, $40; Detroit, $45; Erie, $50; Genesee, $20; Mrs. D. Smith, $25; Illinois, $65; Indiana, $25; Iowa, $50; Kansas, $230; Michigan, $55; Missouri, $15; Montana, $10; Newark, $350; New England, $25; New England Southern, $40; New Jersey, $40; New York, $45; New York East, $80; North Dakota, $20; North Indiana, $190; North Nebraska, $15; North-East Ohio, $135; Northern Minnesota, $100; Northwest Indiana,

$135; Northwest Iowa, $40; Ohio, $40; Oklahoma, $25; Philadelphia, $46; Puget Sound, $50; Rock River, $100; St. Johns River Young People, $15; Southern Kansas, $10; Southern California, $55; Southwest Kansas, $40; Troy, $100; Upper Iowa, $50; Wilmington, $25; Wyoming, $40; West Ohio, $25. *Special:* Atlanta, $10; Central Illinois, $25; Central New York, $45; Central Pennsylvania Home Guards, $5; Newark, $5; Northern New York, $25; Wisconsin, $10. *Building:* Des Moines, $50; North-East Ohio, $100.

McKinley Day School.—*Salary:* Michigan, $300. *Current Expenses:* West Virginia, $5. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $30; Central Pennsylvania, $60; Des Moines, $15; Detroit, $15; Erie, $75; Genesee, $30; Indiana, $15; Michigan, $30; Nebraska, $15; Newark, $100; New England, $15; New England Southern, $45; New Hampshire, $30; New Jersey, $30; New York, $15; New York East, $80; Northern Indiana, $45; North Nebraska, $15; North-East Ohio, $45; Northern Minnesota, $15; Northern New York, $15; Ohio, $20; Pittsburgh, $25; Southwest Kansas, $40; West Ohio, $15. *Special:* Northern Indiana, $60.

Fisk Day School.—*Salary:* Central New York, $25. *Current Expenses:* Ohio, $25. *Student Aid:* Newark, $50; New York, $15; Northwest Kansas, $15. *Building:* Ohio, $50; Troy, $10; West Ohio, Mrs. Levi Gilbert, $5.

Puerta de Tierra Day School.—Lexington, $25; Northwest Iowa, $10.

Williams Day School, Vieques.—Central New York, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $25; Newark, $100; North-East Ohio, $30; Ohio, $25.

Navajo Home.—*Salary:* Central New York, $5. *Current Expenses:* Iowa, $25; Kansas, $5; Missouri, $5; New England Southern, $5; New York East, $30; Northern Nebraska, $5; Northern New York, $10; Philadelphia, $10. *Student Aid:* Alabama, $5; Colorado, $15; Columbia River, $50; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $75; Erie, $25; Genesee, $10; Indiana, $180; Iowa, $25; Michigan, $50; Minnesota, $75; Nebraska, $25; New Hampshire, $35; New Jersey, $50; North-East Ohio, $50; Northern Minnesota, $50; Northwest Indiana, $50; Philadelphia, $1; Pittsburgh, $37.50; St. Johns River, $5; St. Louis, $25; Southwest Kansas, $115; Troy, $150; Wisconsin, $10. *Special:* Central New York, $25; Detroit, $50. Toward farm, Genesee, $10; Illinois, $25; Newark, $50; New York, $25; Northern Indiana, $30; Rock River, for stove, $200; Southern Illinois, $25; Troy, $450; Upper Iowa, $100; Wyoming, $50; West Ohio, $400; Miss Gurnsey, for Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, $50. *Building:* California, $5; Lexington, $10; New England, $25; New Hampshire, $10; North-East Ohio, $100; Northwest Iowa, $50; Rock River, $1,000; Wisconsin, $10.

Ponca Mission.—Genesee, $10; Kansas, $50; Michigan, $10; Northern Indiana, $12.50; Northwest Nebraska, $10; Oklahoma, $50; St. John's River, $10; Upper Iowa, $25; Wisconsin, $5.

Pottawatomie Mission.—Erie, $25; Genesee, $10; Illinois, $15; Iowa, $25; Kansas, $250; New York East, $5; Northern Indiana, $12.50; Northern New York, $12; Northwest Iowa, $50; Northwest Kansas, $10; Northwest Nebraska, $10; Upper Iowa, $25; Wisconsin, $5.

Nooksack Mission.—*Salary:* Central New York, $5; Upper Iowa, $25; Wisconsin, $20. *Current Expenses:* Des Moines, $10; Southern California, $15; Washington, $5; West Ohio, $25; Baltimore, $25; Columbia River, $25; Detroit, $50; Erie, $25; Iowa, $50; Montana, $20; North-East Ohio, $50; Ohio, $25; Pittsburgh, $50; Southern Illinois, $10; Wyoming, $40; Miss Gurnsey for Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, $60. *Special:* New York East, $30; Puget Sound, $36.37; Wilmington, $40.

Greenville.—Alabama, $5; California, $20; Central Illinois, $5; Central New York, $5; Cincinnati, $5; Columbia River, $5; Des Moines, $10;

Erie, $40; Genesee, $30; Iowa, $25; Michigan, $5; Newark, $25; New York, $5; New York East, $10; North-East Ohio, $30; Ohio, $10; Oklahoma, $10; Rock River, $10; Southern California, $15; West Virginia, $10; West Ohio, $25.

Yuma Mission.—California, $5; Central New York, $5; Colorado, $25; Des Moines, $10; Erie, $25; Illinois, $25; Michigan, $10; Newark, $20; New England, $20; New York, $5 for dispensary and $5 for helper; New York East, $50; Northern Indiana, $25; North-East Ohio for Blind Joe, $50; Northern New York, $10; Northwest Iowa, $10; Rock River, $10; Southern California, $600; for Interpreter, $150, and for assistant, $150; Upper Iowa, $25; West Virginia, $10; West Ohio, $25.

Jesse Lee Home.—*Salary:* Baltimore, $27.50; Colorado, $30; Genesee, $10; Michigan, $480; North Dakota, $10; North Nebraska, $10; Puget Sound, $50. *Current Expenses:* California, $5; Illinois, $50; Lexington, $15; Nebraska, $10; New Mexico, English, $10; Northern Indiana, $30; North-East Ohio, $50; Northern New York, Miss Helen Seymore, $5; Oregon, $35; Puget Sound, $45.80; Troy, $75. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $150; Central Pennsylvania, $60; Columbia River, $15; Des Moines, $25; Detroit, $70; Erie, $60; Genesee, $25; Indiana, $25; Iowa, $160; Minnesota, $40; Montana, $60; New England, $30; New England Southern, $25; New Hampshire, $55; New Jersey, $60; New York, $20; North Indiana, $120; Northern Minnesota, $240; Northern New York, $60; Northwest Indiana, $60; Northwest Iowa, $60; Northwest Kansas, $15; Ohio, $60; Philadelphia, $36; Pittsburgh, $35; Puget Sound, $120; Rock River, $60; Southern California, $100; Southwest Kansas, $100; Upper Iowa, $20; Wilmington, $25; West Ohio, $60. *Special:* Central Illinois, $25; Central New York, $25; Michigan, $10; Newark, $50; New York East, $100; Oklahoma, $10; Oregon, Mrs. C. L. Weaver, $5; Wisconsin, $45; Wyoming, $60. *Building:* Maine, $10; Northwest Iowa, $10; Hospital, Baltimore, $25; Central Illinois, $5; Detroit, Mrs. G. O. Robinson, $5; Erie, $10; Genesee, $10; Lexington, $5; Newark, $15; New Jersey, $5; New York, $10; New York East, $10; Northern Indiana, Personal, $5; North-East Ohio, $100; Upper Iowa, $50; Northern Indiana, $5. *Boat:* New York East, Young People, $10.

Lavinia Wallace Young.—*Salary:* Northern Minnesota for Miss Barnett, $480; for Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, $120; Miss Gurnsey for Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, $30. *Current Expenses:* Central Illinois, $25; Erie, $50; New England Southern, $25; Northern Nebraska, $5; North-East Ohio, $100; Northern New York, $10; Northwest Kansas, $5; Oregon, $25; Pittsburgh, McCrumb Training School, $5; Wisconsin, $15; West Ohio, $25. *Student Aid:* Arizona, $10; Cincinnati, $5; Colorado, $15; Indiana, $5. *Special:* Central Illinois, $25; Central New York, $50; Illinois, $50; Michigan, $10; Newark, $15; New Jersey, $10; New York East, $15; for Young People, $5; Northern New York, $10; Northeast Indiana, $50; Ohio, $25; Oklahoma, $10; Rock River, $5; Southern California, $170; Southwest Kansas, $25; Columbia River, $25; Des Moines, $25; Genesee, $75; Indiana Young People, $5; Minnesota, $100; Missouri, Personal, $25; New England, $25; New Jersey, $25; North Dakota, $10; Northern Minnesota, $100; Pittsburgh, $10; Rock River, $115.

Sinuk Mission.—*Salary:* Upper Iowa, $25; Pittsburgh, $10. *Current Expenses:* Central New York, $5; Central Pennsylvania, $10; Columbia River, $25; New England Southern, $20; North Dakota, $10; Northern Indiana, $20; North-East Ohio, $75; Northern New York, $15; Northwest Iowa, $10; Northwest Kansas, $5; Ohio, $25; Oregon, $25; Puget Sound, $116; West Virginia, $10; Wilmington, $5. *Student Aid:* California, $10; Cincinnati, $5; Colorado, $15; Detroit, $100; Indiana, $112; Iowa, $50; Kansas, $65; Minnesota, $40; New Hampshire, $10; New York, $10;

Northern Minnesota, 90; Northwest Indiana, $60; Philadelphia, $71; St. Louis, $110; Southwest Kansas, $40; Wisconsin, $10; West Ohio, $50. *Special:* Central Illinois, $25; Central New York, $20; Michigan, $15; New York East, $25; Oklahoma, $10; Southern California, $100; Southern Illinois, $5. *Building:* Missouri, $5; Nebraska, $50; New York, $5; New York East, $5; Rock River, $50; Reindeer, New Jersey, $5; Troy, $25; Interpreter, New York, $5.

Chinese Home, San Francisco.—*Salary:* California, $250; Des Moines, $180. *Current Expenses:* Colorado, $20; Indiana, $25; Illinois, $90; Missouri, $10; Nebraska, $10; North Nebraska, $5; Oregon, $20; Wisconsin, $20. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $100; Central Alabama, $15; Central Illinois, $50; Colorado, $15; Columbia River, $20; Detroit, $25; Erie, $85; Wilmington Queen Esther Circle, $15; Indiana, 60; Iowa, $70; Michigan, $15; Minnesota, $70; New England, $35; New Jersey, $30; New York, $10; New York East, $30; North Indiana, $50; Northern Minnesota, $25; Northwest Indiana, $70; Northwest Iowa, $70; Northwest Kansas, $70; Ohio, $70; Pittsburgh, $10; Rock River, $50; St. Louis, $65; Southern California, $70; Southern Illinois, $15; Southwest Kansas, $25; Troy, $25; Wilmington, $20; Wyoming, $30. *Special:* California, $500; Central New York, $25; New York East, $25; Northern New York, $25; Northwest Iowa, $5 for Infirmary; Puget Sound, $10; Wilmington, $25. *Building:* California, $250; Cincinnati, $5; New York East, $25; North-East Ohio, $100; West Ohio, $25. *Kindergarten:* Central Illinois, $15; Central New York, $15; Dakota, $45; Indiana, $15; Northern Minnesota, $30; Northwest Indiana, $45; Ohio, $15; Vermont, $15; West Ohio, $15; Miss Gurnsey, for Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, $60.

Chinese, Los Angeles.—Colorado, $25; Southern California, $225; for Chinese Bible Reader, Philadelphia, $20.

David and Margaret Home.—*Current Expenses:* New York East, $5; North-East Ohio, $50; Southern California, $25. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $20; Detroit, $25; Southern California, $3,500. *Building:* Southern California, $500.

Ellen Stark Ford Home.—*Salary:* California, $3,000; Minnesota, $30. *Current Expenses:* California, $200; Nebraska, $10; New York East, $25; Oregon, $20. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $60; California, $250; Central Illinois, $50; Central New York, $30; Colorado, $15; Detroit, $25; Erie, $15; Illinois Queen Esther Circle, $15; Iowa, $70; Michigan, $25; Missouri, $15; New Jersey, $60; North Indiana, $60; Northern Nebraska, $30; Northwest Indiana, $60; Northwest Kansas, $50; Ohio, $30; Oregon, $30; Oklahoma, $15; Pittsburgh, $10; Southern California, $60; Detroit, $25; Wyoming, $60. *Kindergarten:* Des Moines, $75; Indiana, $15; New Jersey, $30; North-East Ohio, $75; Northern Minnesota, $30; Northwest Ohio, $15; Vermont, $15; Wyoming, $60; West Ohio, $25; Miss Guernsey, for Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, $50. *Special:* California, $250; New York, $10; Northern New York, $20; Southern Illinois, $30; Wilmington, $25. *Fire Escape:* Central New York, $15; Northern Dakota, $10; Northern Indiana, $10; North-East Ohio, $100; Rock River, $50; Upper Iowa, $25. *Japanese Bible Reader:* Philadelphia, $20.

Jane Couch Memorial Home, Los Angeles.—*Salary:* Southern California, $400. *Current Expenses:* Southern California, $200; Erie, $15; Michigan, $10. *Student Aid:* Southern California, $100; Illinois, $80. *Special:* New York, $5. *Building:* Central New York, $25.

Susannah Wesley Home.—*Salary:* Colorado, $50; Genesee, $25; Northern Indiana, $20. *Current Expenses:* Illinois, $30; Indiana, $5; Iowa, $25; New York East, $10; Northwest Kansas, $10; Ohio, $25; Wilmington, $10. *Student Aid:* Alabama, $5; Baltimore, $60; Central Illinois, $60; Mothers' Jewels, Central Illinois, $5; Central Pennsylvania.

$10; Columbia River, $15; Des Moines, $75; Erie, $60; Genesee, $20; Indiana, $15; Michigan, $15; Newark, $30; New England, $30; New York, $20; Northern Indiana, $60; Northern Nebraska, $5; North-East Ohio, $130; Northern New York, $30; Northwest Indiana, $60; Philadelphia, $5; Pittsburgh, $25; Puget Sound, $10; Rock River, $50; St. Louis, $120; Southern California, $60; Southwest Kansas, $60; Genesee, $25; Wyoming, $15. *Special:* Central New York, $20; Northwest Iowa, $5; Upper Iowa, $50. *Kindergarten:* North-East Ohio, $45.

Catherine Blaine Home.—*Salary:* Illinois, $35; Michigan, $300; Puget Sound, $500. *Current Expenses:* Erie, $15; Genesee, $10; Missouri, $10; New Jersey Young People, $5; Northern Nebraska, $5; North-East Ohio, $50; Northwest Iowa, $10; Ohio, $15; Oregon, $20; Puget Sound, $300. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $30; Colorado, $15; Columbia River, $25; Erie, $15; Illinois, Mrs. M. J. Shism, $15; Michigan, $15; Minnesota, $10; Newark, $20; North Indiana, $15; Northwest Indiana, $15; Southern California, $15; Southern Illinois, $15; Southwest Kansas, $15; Upper Iowa, $30; Wyoming, $15. *Special:* Genesee, $15; Oklahoma, $10; Southern Illinois, $15. *Building:* Des Moines, $25; New York, $10.

Anthracite Slavonic Mission.—*Salary:* Central Pennsylvania, $600; North Dakota, $10. *Current Expenses:* Central Pennsylvania, $600. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $15; Kentucky, $10; Wyoming, $25. *Building:* Central Pennsylvania, $1,500.

Immigrant Work, New York City.—*Salary:* Illinois, $25; Minnesota, $30; New Jersey, $10. *Current Expenses:* Baltimore, $25; Colorado, $15; Des Moines, $25; Erie, $25; Iowa, $50; Michigan, $10; Nebraska, $10; Newark, $25; New York, $400; North-East Ohio, $75; Northern New York, $40; Ohio, $50; Pittsburgh, $10; Troy, $25; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $25; Wyoming, $25; West Ohio, $50. *Special:* Central Illinois, $25; Central New York, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $10; Genesee, $10; Indiana, $50; New York East, $150; Southwest Kansas, $60.

East Boston, Mass.—*Salary:* Illinois, $25; Minnesota, $30. *Current Expenses:* Central Illinois, $50; Des Moines, $25; Erie, $25; Indiana, $25; Iowa, $50; Michigan, $15; Missouri, $20; New England, $600; New England Southern, $100; Northern Indiana, $25; North-East Ohio, $100; Ohio, $25; Pittsburgh, $10; West Virginia, $10; West Ohio, $25. *Special:* Central New York, $20; Genesee, $10; Indiana, $10; New Hampshire, $27.50; New York, $10; Northern Indiana, $30; North Southwest Kansas, $55; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $10. *Building:* California, $10; Northern New York, $20; Philadelphia, $6.

Pacific Coast, Angel Island.—California, $25; Central New York, $25; Colorado, $10; Columbia River, $25; Erie, $10; Kansas, $50; Minnesota, $10; Puget Sound, $17.50; Southwest Kansas, $10.

Seattle.—Iowa Queen Esther Circle, $50.

San Pedro.—Southern California, $500.

Mothers' Jewels Home.—*Salary:* Northern Indiana, $40; Upper Iowa, $25. *Current Expenses:* Columbia River, $5; Genesee Young People, $10; Iowa, $50; Kentucky, $10; North-East Ohio, $25; Northern Kansas, $10; Oregon, $10; Rock River, $10. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $15; Central New York, $100; Central Pennsylvania, $100; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $20; Erie, $25; Genesee Young People, $10; Iowa, $50; Michigan, $30; Nebraska, $20; New England, $10; New England Southern, $25; New Jersey, $25; Northern Indiana, $25; North-East Ohio, $50; Ohio, $25; Philadelphia Mothers' Jewels, $5; St. Louis, $135; South Kansas, $80; Southern California, $10; Southwest Kansas, $35; West Wisconsin, $35; Wisconsin, $15; Wyoming, $50. *Special:* Alabama Queen Esther Circles, $25; New Hampshire, $12; New York, $5; North-

ern New York, $50; St. Louis, $5; Southern Illinois, $10. *Building:* Baltimore, Dr. Benjamin J. Hayward, $5; Central Pennsylvania, $25; Des Moines, $100; Erie, $25; Genesee Young People, $25; Kansas, $2.50; Lexington, $25; Maine, $25; Michigan, $75; Minnesota, $100; Missouri, $15; Nebraska, $2,000; New England Southern, $10; New Hampshire, $10; New York, $5; New York East, $25; North Nebraska, $125; Philadelphia for Fisk Hospital, $10; Pittsburgh, $500; St. Johns River, to name door, $25 Southwest Kansas, $25; West Virginia, $15; Wisconsin, $26; West Ohio, $25. *For Trees:* Indiana, $5; New Jersey Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, $10; North Minnesota, $53.75; West Texas, $10.

Watts DePeyster Home School, Trivoli, N. Y.—*Current Expenses:* Central Pennsylvania, $5; New York East, $10; North-East Ohio, $5; Pittsburgh, $25; West Ohio, $25. *Student Aid:* Alabama, $5; Baltimore, $140; California, $5; Central New York, $15; Central Pennsylvania, $144; Detroit, $50; East Erie, $70; Lexington, $10; Michigan, $15; Newark, $70; New England, $30; New England Southern, $60; New Jersey, $15; New Mexico English, Mrs. Kent, $10; Mrs. Harris, for Queen Esther Circle at Tucson, $5; New York, $1.600; New York East, $55; Northern Indiana, $20; North-East Ohio Home Guards, $5; Northern New York, $70; Philadelphia, $140; Mrs. Holbrook, $5; Pittsburgh, $48; Pugent Sound, from Jesse Lee Home, $5; Rock River, $10; Mrs. E. L. Allbright, $10; for Browning Home, Southern Kansas, $10; Southern California, $10; Mrs. P. H. Bodkins, $5; Mrs. R. H. Young, $5; West Virginia, $10; Wisconsin, $15; Wyoming, $35. *Special:* West Ohio, Mrs. G. H. Thompson, $5; Central Pennsylvania, $5; Erie, $15; Nebraska, $5; New York East, $20.

Elizabeth E. Bradley Home.—*Current Expenses:* Philadelphia, $5; West Ohio, Mrs. G. H. Thompson, $5. *Student Aid:* Newark, $25; Mrs. M. L. Woodruff, $10; New York, $10; Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, $25; North Indiana, $15. *Special:* Pittsburgh, $5,000.

Cunningham Children's Home.—*Current Expenses:* Columbia River, $5; Des Moines, $60; Erie, $25; Illinois, $1,800; Iowa, $25; Kansas, $2.50; Minnesota, $10; New York East, $10; Rock River, $25. *Student Aid:* Detroit, $20; Erie, $60; by Mrs. Woodcock for Mrs. Fowler, Michigan, $5; Missouri, $10; New Jersey Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, $50; New York, $5; Northern Indiana, $7.50; Northwest Indiana, $25; St. Louis, $80; Southern Illinois, $25; Wilmington, $10; Wisconsin, $15; West Ohio, $25; Miss Guernsey for Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, $60. *Special:* St. Louis, $20. *Building:* Rock River, $25.

Lucy Webb Hayes Training Home.—*Salary:* Genesee, $10. *Current Expenses:* Lexington. $10; Northern New York, $100. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $250; Central New York, $85; Central Pennsylvania, $125; Cincinnati, $10; Detroit, $137.50; Erie, $150; Genesee, $275; Illinois, $125; Indiana, $125; Young People, $15; Lexington, $15; Maine, $125; Newark, $125; New England Southern, $257; New Hampshire, $10; New Jersey, $100; New York, $100; Northern Indiana, $265; North-East Ohio, $500; Northern New York, $125; Ohio, $125; Philadelphia, $55; Southern Kansas, $10; Troy, $300; West Virginia, $250; Wilmington, $125; Wyoming, $60; West Ohio, $100. *Special:* Indiana, $10; Mrs. Winchester, $20; New England, $50.

Kansas City Training School.—*Salary:* St. Louis, $480. *Student Aid:* Arizona, $25; Central Illinois, $25; Illinois, $50; Indiana, $25; Iowa, $125; Kansas, $175; Minnesota, $150; New York, $25; Northern Indiana, $125; Northern Nebraska, $125; Oklahoma, $125; Rock River, $25; St. Louis, $65; Southern Kansas, $10; Southern Illinois, $125. *Special:* Minnesota, $20; for Chapel, $25; North Indiana, $10; Northwest Kansas, for window, $100; St. Louis, $750; Southern Kansas, for furnishings, $500; Southwest Kansas, $25. *Building:* Central Illinois, $25; New York, $20.

Bible Training School.—*Current Expenses:* California, $200. *Student Aid:* Alabama, $5; Arizona, $10; Baltimore, Mrs. Bishop Cranston, $5; California, $500; Erie, $10; Genesee Young People, $10; Illinois, $10; Iowa, $125; Young People, $10; Michigan, $10; Minnesota, $10; Newark, Mrs. Anna Kent, $10; New England, $10; New York, $15; Northern Indiana, $25; North-East Ohio Queen Esther Circle, $10; Oregon, Mrs. C. Weaver, $10; Philadelphia, $10; Southern California, $300; Southern Illinois, $10. *Special:* California, $300; New York East, $10; Ohio, $50.

McCrum Slavonic Training School.—*Salary:* Illinois, $25. *Current Expenses:* Des Moines, $25; Detroit, $25; Erie, $10; Genesee, $30; Michigan, $25; Missouri, $25; New Jersey Young People, $5; North-East Ohio, $10; Northwest Iowa, $10; Northwest Kansas, $10; Oregon, $20; Pittsburgh, $125; Southwest Kansas, $25; Wilmington, $10; Wyoming, $10. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $50; Erie, $25; Iowa, $5; Minnesota, $10; New England, $25; New Jersey, $5; North Indiana, $22.50; North-East Ohio, $100; Northern Minnesota, $25; Northern New York, $25; Northwest Indiana, $50; Philadelphia Deaconesses' Home, $5; Pittsburgh, Mrs. S. W. Davis, $100; Pittsburgh, $225; Rock River, $125; St. Johns River, $5; Upper Iowa, $50; West Virginia, Mrs. Dr. Tolson, $100; Wilmington, $25. *Special:* California, $10; Central Illinois, $50; Central New York, $30; Colorado, $10; Holston, $10; Newark, $10; New Jersey, $10; New York East, $20; North Dakota, $10; Northern Indiana, $15; Northern Minnesota, $50; Northwest Iowa, $10; Ohio, $10; Oklahoma, $10; Philadelphia, $5; Puget Sound, $20; Southern California, $25; West Ohio, $5. *Building:* Lexington, $15; Northern Dakota, $15; Heater, Indiana, $25.

Colored Training School.—*Current Expenses:* Des Moines, $15; Little Rock Young People, $10; St. Louis, $5; Wisconsin, $15. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $10; Genesee, $20; Indiana, $10; Iowa, $5; Little Rock, $10; Michigan, $5; Missouri, $15; New York, $20; Northern Indiana, $10; Ohio, $25; Rock River, $35; Southern Illinois, $5; Upper Iowa, $50. *Special:* Central New York, $5; Colorado, $25; East Tennessee, $5; New York, $10; Philadelphia, $5; West Texas, $10; West Ohio, $25. *Building:* Delaware, $25; Illinois, $5; New Jersey Young People, $5; New York, Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, $25; North Carolina, $10; Northern New York, $5; Washington, $15.

Sibley Hospital.—Baltimore, $3,000; Central New York, two cribs, $50. *Building:* Kansas, $100; Minnesota, $5; New Jersey, Memorial Bed, $15; Washington, $15; X-ray machine, New England Southern, $5; North-East Ohio, $100.

Robinson Hall.—*Building:* Central New York, $500; to name room, to be paid in two years, Des Moines, $750; Erie, $300; Indiana Young People $10; Northern Indiana Queen Esther Circles, room, $30; North-East Ohio, bed in Children's Ward, $100; Northern Minnesota, $250; Queen Esther Circle, room, $45; Northern New York, $250; Ohio, $125; Philadelphia, $250; Puget Sound Queen Esther Circles, $7.85; Rock River, $80; Southern Kansas, $190; Southern Illinois, $10; Young People, $10. *Special:* Northwest Indiana, $100. *Furnishings:* Illinois, $100.

Burge Hospital, St. Louis.—*Special:* $5,000; Queen Esther Circle, $18.

Beth-el Hospital.—*Building:* Wyoming, $100.

Graham Hospital.—California, $5; Central Pennsylvania, $10; Des Moines, $100; Erie, $25; Genesee, $20; Illinois, $10; Indiana, $5; Iowa, $500; Michigan, $25; Nebraska, $10; Northern Indiana, $20; Northwest Iowa, $25; Ohio, $10; Puget Sound, $5; Rock River, $15; St. Louis, $5; Southwest Kansas, $10; Upper Iowa, $125; West Texas, $5; Wisconsin, $25; Miss Bessie Garrison, $50.

Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Indianapolis.—North Indiana, Building Fund, $625.

Harwood Hospital.—Baltimore, $100; Central New York, $25; Dakota, $250; Des Moines, $25; Genesee, $25; Indiana Young People, $5; Michigan, $25; Minnesota, $25; New England, $25; New Jersey, $5; New York, $10; Northern Indiana, $30; Northwest Iowa, $5; Ohio, $100; Philadelphia, $200; Southwest Kansas, $344.

Rapid City Hospital.—Baltimore, $50; California, $5; Dakota, $25; Queen Esther Circles, $175; Erie, Personal, $10; Genesee, $10; Holston, $5; Iowa, $10; Michigan, $10; Minnesota, $25; Missouri, $10; New Jersey, $10; Young People, $5; New York East, $10; Northern Indiana, $15; Northern Minnesota, $90; Northwest Indiana, $15; Northwest Iowa, $10; Oregon, $25; Philadelphia, $10; for bed, $50; Pittsburgh, $25; Rock River, $115; Southwest Kansas, $10; Upper Iowa, $25; Wilmington, $10.

Holden Memorial Hospital.—Southern Illinois, $500.

Los Angeles Hospital.—California, $10,000.

Bancroft Rest Home.—Baltimore, $55; Central New York, $15; Central Pennsylvania, $10; Genesee, $15; Michigan, $5; Newark, $50; New Jersey, $30; New York, $55; New York East, $10; Northern Indiana, $25; North-East Ohio, $50; Philadelphia, $50; Pittsburgh, $10; Rock River, $45; Southern Illinois, $5; Wilmington, $5; Wisconsin, $5; Baltimore, $25; New York, $10; Northwest Iowa, $5.

Wing Rest Home.—Southern California, $300.

Beulah.—Blue Ridge, $100; Columbia River, $5; Illinois, $5; Iowa, $10; New York, $10; New York East, $5; Northern Indiana, $25; Northern Minnesota, $5; Philadelphia, $5; Southern California, $15; Southern Illinois, $5; Upper Iowa, $10; West Ohio, Mrs. H. C. Jennings, $5.

David and Margaret Home.—Southern California, $3,500.

Elizabeth E. Marcy Center.—*Salary:* Illinois, $60; Oklahoma, $25. *Current Expenses:* Central Illinois, $25; Kansas, $54; Michigan, $10; Missouri, $5; Nebraska, $5; Ohio, $10; Rock River, $10; Southern Kansas, $25; Southern Illinois, $5. *Student Aid:* Des Moines, $50; Iowa, $50; Wilmington, $15. *Special:* Alabama, $10; Central Illinois, $25; Indiana Young People, $5; New York, $5 (Jewish); North Indiana, $35; Southern California, $10; Southwest Kansas, $18; West Ohio, $25. *Building:* Northwest Indiana, $50; Jewish Work, Indiana, $2; Michigan, $10; North Indiana, $50; Rock River, $3,000; for Marcy Center, $2,000; Hobbs House, $1,000. *Current Expenses:* Bed in Hospital, North Indiana, $50.

Glenn Home.—*Salary:* West Ohio, $2,000. *Current Expenses:* California, $5; Kansas, $5; Kentucky, $15; Michigan, $5; North Indiana, $25. *Special:* New York East, $5. *Building:* Puget Sound, $5; Mrs. I. D. Jones, $100.

Hull Street Medical Mission.—*Current Expenses:* Des Moines, $20; Erie, $25; Indiana, $25; Iowa, $5; Michigan, $10; New England, $1,700; New England Southern, $50; New Jersey, $10; North-East Ohio, $50; Northern Minnesota, $5; Wisconsin, $25; Ohio, $25; Wilmington, $5. *Special:* Central New York, $10; Central Pennsylvania, $10; Genesee, $10; Indiana, $10; New Hampshire, $47.50; New York, $15; New York East, $5; Northern Indiana, $30; Puget Sound, $5; Southern California, $5; Upper Iowa, $25. *Building:* Northwest Iowa, $5; Rock River, $15; St. Louis, $10; Southern California, $15; Southwest Kansas, $15; Troy, $25. *Special:* Northern Indiana, $25.

East St. Louis Slavonic Mission.—*Student Aid:* Colorado, $10. *Special:* California, $10; Detroit, $25; Erie, $20; Iowa, $10; Lexington, $10; Michigan, $25; Newark, $25; New York, $10; North-East Ohio, $5. *Building:* Des Moines, $60; Northwest Iowa, $5; Rock River, $25; Southern Illinois, $500; Illinois, to name room, $100; door and window, $65.

Portland, Oregon.—*Current Expenses:* California, $10; Columbia River, $20; Des Moines, $25; Erie, $40; Genesee, $10; North-East Ohio, $25; Ohio, $10; Oregon, $800; Rick River, $35; St. Louis, $5. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $30; Colorado, $15; Detroit, $15; Erie, $30; Indiana, $15; Iowa, $15; Michigan, $10; New Jersey, $5; Oklahoma, $15; St. Louis, $10; Southern California, $15; Southwest Kansas, $15; Troy, $25. *Special:* Northern Iowa, $25.

CONFERENCE WORK.

Central Pennsylvania.—Altoona, Italian Mission, $400; Mount Alto, Tubercular, $400; West Berwick, $400; Des Moines, Italian Mission, $500; Erie, Italian Mission, New Castle, $100; Italian Mission, Jamestown, $100; Iowa, Italian Mission, $427; Kansas, Haskel Indian, $150; Nebraska, Bohemian, $600; New Hampshire, Ospey Mission, $37.50; French Work in Lawrence, $25; Immigrant Work, Lawrence, $12.50; Northwest Indiana, Gary, $650; Oregon, Old People's Home, $800; Puget Sound, Tacoma Settlement Work, $1,200; Rock River Conference Mission, $7,000; St. Louis, Methodist Episcopal Home for Girls, $1,000; Southern Kansas, Pittsburgh, Camp Work, $50; Southern California, San Diego Mission, Salary. $500; Building, $800; Spanish Teacher, $500; Upper Iowa Training School, $700; Bohemian Work, $100; Settlement Work, $100; Vermont, Conference. $100; Barry Mission, $700; West Virginia, Salary for Miss Catman, $480; West Wisconsin Indian Work, from Northwest Iowa Conference, $500; Wyoming and Lackawanna, Philadelphia Italian Missions, $300.

Italian Work.—Syracuse, Central New York, $350; Cortland, Central New York, $100; Providence, Rhode Island New England Society, $100; New London, Connecticut, New England Society, $100.

Permanent Deaconess Fund.—Baltimore, $165; Cincinnati, $5; Maine, $25; New Jersey, $5; North Indiana, $50; Rock River, $10; St. Louis, $5.

Bonds.—New England, $100; Northwest Indiana, $200; Rock River, $500; Southwest Kansas, $100.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Woman's Home Missionary Society

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1900.
WITH VERBAL CHANGES, AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS IN NEW YORK CITY, NOVEMBER, 1901.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the "Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The aim of this Society shall be to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian women in behalf of the needy and destitute in all sections of our country, and to co-operate with the other societies and agencies of the Church in educational, missionary, and deaconess work.

ARTICLE III.—ORGANIZATION.

Section 1. This Society shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio. The headquarters and principal offices of the Society shall be in the city of Cincinnati. The officers of the Society shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and twelve Managers (twenty-one in all), who together shall constitute the Board of Trustees. There shall also be seven Associate Managers, who, with the Secretaries of Bureaus, shall be entitled to sit with the Board of Trustees and participate in its deliberations.

Sec. 2. Vacancies in the Board of Trustees occurring *ad interim* shall be filled by the Board.

Sec. 3. The regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held in Jaunary, May, and September. Also in connection with the Annual Meetings of the Board of Managers. Special executive meetings may be held at the call of the President and Recording Secretary, and eleven shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 4. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be:

(1) To execute all orders of the Board of Managers.

(2) To determine all matters referred to it by the Board of Managers.

(3) To administer all the affairs of the Society between the annual sessions of the Board of Managers.

Sec. 5. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held in the city of Cincinnati, unless otherwise provided. The Board of Managers shall consist of the Board of Trustees and such of the following persons as shall be in attendance at the Annual Meeting, viz.: The Associate Managers, the President Emeritus, the Secretaries of Bureaus, the Field Secretaries, and the Corresponding Secretary of and one delegate from each Conference Society, the Chairmen of Standing Committees appointed or confirmed by the Society at its Annual Meeting, the Secretary of Finance, the Editor and Publisher of *Woman's Home Missions*, the Editor of *Children's Home Missions*, the Editor of the Annual Report, the Secretary of Young People's Department, and the Secretary of Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels; also one delegate representing Young People's Work from each Conference Society having ten or more Young People's organizations.

Sec. 6. The work of the Annual Meeting shall be:

(1) To elect the officers of the Society and the Associate Managers as indicated in Section 1.

(2) To take into consideration the demands of the entire work of the Society; to receive the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, of Secretaries of Bureaus, of Conference Secretaries, and Standing Committees; to determine the fields of labor; to estimate the needs of the various fields, and to make appropriations for the ensuing year.

(3) To transact any other business that the interest of the Society may demand, provided all its plans and estimates be in harmony with the Constitution.

Sec. 7. The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents, and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers.

Sec. 8. The duty of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to make herself acquainted with the needs and opportunities of the mission fields, to correspond with the Bureau and Conference Secretaries, and to secure from them such details of their work as will be necessary to make quarterly reports to the Board of Trustees, and annual reports to the Board of Managers concerning the condition and needs of the mission fields.

Sec. 9. The Treasurer shall keep an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society and make a report of the same at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, and at each regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. She shall pay the appropriations made by the Board of Managers, and such bills as the Board of Trustees may approve. The accounts shall be audited by a committee elected by ballot at the Annual Meetng of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IV.—Conference Organization.

Section 1. A Conference Society shall consist of all the Auxiliary Societies in a given Conference, together with a Conference Executive Board. It shall take the name of the Conference in which it is located.

Sec. 2. The officers of the Conference Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary (who may also be Treasurer), a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Secretaries of such departments as the Conference may adopt. These officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society, and hold office till others are chosen. The Conference Officers, together with the President, Correspondng Secretary, and Treasurer of the districts, the District Secretaries of Young People's Work and Superintendent of Deaconess Homes, shall constitute the Executive Board of the Conference Society for the administration of the affairs of the Society, and five shall constitute

a quorum. The Bureau Secretaries residing within the bounds of a Conference shall be *ex-officio* members of the Conference Executive Board.

Sec. 3. The dutes of the Executive Board of the Conference Society shall be: To plan for the establishment and growth of the Society within the Conference bounds; to provide for an Annual Meeting and arrange Anniversary exercises; to transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided its action be in harmony with this Constitution.

Sec. 4. The duties of the President and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually appertain to their respective offices, and to co-operate with the Corresponding Secretary and other officers in organizing and conducting the work.

Sec. 5. The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to attend the session of the Annual Conference; to create interest in the work of the Society; to organize Auxiliary Societies in the various charges in the Conference; to conduct the correspondence of the Society; to forward semi-annually to the General Corresponding Secretary a statement of the work of the Conference Society (as per blank provided); and to present an annual report to the Board of Managers at its Annual Meeting.

Sec. 6. The duty of the Treasurer shall be to receive and to forward quarterly to the General Treasurer the funds of the Society.

Sec. 7. Special Work. Individuals, Auxiliaries, or Conference Societies may, subject to the approval of the Conference Board and of the Board of Trustees, raise special funds for the purchase of property, for the building or care of Homes, for the support of teachers, deaconesses, or pupils in the schools or Homes of the Society.

ARTICLE V.—Auxiliary Societies.

Any number of women who shall organize under the Constitution and By-laws for Auxiliaries and pay their annual dues, thereby become a Society Auxiliary to the Conference Society, and are entitled to one delegate for every twenty members to the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society, provided that each auxiliary shall have one delegate.

ARTICLE VI.—Membership.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership in the Society, and the payment of twenty dollars life membership. The payment of one dollar annually by a gentleman shall constitute an *honorary membership*. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life. The payment of one dollar annually for a deceased friend shall constitute a *memorial membership*. The payment of twenty dollars a perpetual *"in memoriam."*

ARTICLE VII.—Young People's Department.

Young women paying annual dues of $1, with ten cents Contingent Fund, may be organized into Young Woman's Auxiliaries. Young people paying five cents a month (fifty cents annually for General and ten cents for Contingent Fund) may be organized into Queen Esther Circles, and may be under the supervison of an older person called a director.

Conferences having ten or more Young People's organizations may elect a young woman as a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The payment of fifteen dollars ($15) shall constitute a Queen Esther life membership.

ARTICLE VIII.—Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels.

1. Young people under fourteen may be organized into Home Guards under the Constitution provided.

2. Children may be enrolled as Mothers' Jewels on the payment of ten cents annually.

3. The payment of $10 shall constitute a Junior life membership for those fourteen years old or younger.

ARTICLE IX.—Relation to Other Branches of Church Work.

Section 1. This Society shall engage in educational, missionary, and deaconess labor, exclusively in our own land, and shall work in harmony with the connectional societies of the Church.

The missionaries supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall labor under the direction of the authorities of the Missionary Society and, if in a Mission, shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the other missionaries in that particular Mission.

Sec. 2. The funds of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall not be raised by collection, nor by subscription taken durng any regular Church service, nor in Sunday schools, but shall be raised by securing members, life members, honorary members, managers, and patrons, by collections taken in audiences convened in the interest of the Society, and by other methods which will not interfere with the collections and contributions for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Epscopal Church; and the amounts so collected shall be reported to the Annual Conference through the preachers in charge, in order that they may be entered among the benevolent collections and published in the Annual and General Minutes.

Sec. 3. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which determines its work for the ensuing year, shall be so arranged that its fields of labor, its general plans of work, and its appropriations may be submitted to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church for approval at its Annual Meeting in November.

ARTICLE X.

This Constitution, except Article IX, may be amended by the Board of Managers at its Annual Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, three months' notice of the proposed change having been sent to each Conference organization, and published in *Woman's Home Missons.*

Amendments to Article IX may be proposed as above, but to become effective must be approved by the General Conference.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I.

ANNUAL MEETING.

1. A committee of five, appointed by the Board of Trustees, shall prepare a program of exercises and an order of business for the Annual Meeting, which shall occur on the third Wednesday of October. The place of the meeting shall be fixed at the previous meetings of the Board of Man-

agers; if not provided for, it shall be determined by this Committee, who shall announce the time and place in the Church papers.

2. All officers of the Society shall be nominated by ballot, and elected by ballot in open session, provided also that in open session one-minute speeches may be made for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the respective offices.

3. Honorary Vice-Presidents shall be elected by acclamation by the Board of Managers on nomination by the Board of Trustees. They shall be entitled to all privileges of the body except the vote.

4. The Editor and Publisher of *Woman's Home Missions* and of *Children's Home Missions* shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and elected by the Board of Managers.

5. General Organizers shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and elected by the Board of Managers.

6. There shall be the following Standing Committees: On Mothers' Jewels Home, Glenn Home, Marcy Home, Watts de Peyster Home, McCrum Training School, the several Deaconess Homes; on Rest Homes; Day of Prayer; Evangelism; Permanent Missionary Fund; Exhibits. The Committees on Homes named, except Rest Homes, shall be nominated by their respective local Boards and confirmed by the Board of Managers; the Committees on Literature and on Day of Prayer shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and confirmed by the Board of Managers.

7. For the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers printed instructions shall be prepared and presented to the delegates on the morning of the election or on one day previous to the election.

8. Every Conference sending delegates to the meeting of the Board of Managers shall pay to the Committee on Arrangements of the entertaining city ten dollars ($10) for each Conference Secretary and each delegate. The money to be sent to the local committee with the names of the delegation. The expenses of the entertainment of the General Officers, Trustees, Associate Managers, Bureau Secretaries, Field Secretaries, Publishers and Editors of *Woman's Home Missions*, *Children's Home Missions*, and *Convention Daily*, two heads of department, Editor of General Publications, Secretary of Finance, missionaries and deaconesses, together with the Chairman of Standing Committees, as published in the Annual Report, and invited speakers on the program, shall be met by the city entertaining the convention, together with all other expenses of entertainment.

II.

DEPARTMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

1. The department of Young People's Work includes all organizations of young people connected with the Woman's Home Missionary Society except those of children under fourteen years of age.

2. The special oversight to be in the hands of a General Secretary, Field, Conference and District Secretaries and Directors and officers of local organizations of young people.

III.

HOME GUARDS AND MOTHERS' JEWELS.

1. This department includes all organizations of children under fourteen years of age connected with the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

2. The supervision of this work shall be in the hands of a Secretary.

IV.

BUREAUS.

1. The Mission Fields of the Society shall be divided into Bureaus each having a Secretary and such assistants as are nominated by the Secretary of the Bureau and elected by the Board of Trustees.

2. Each Bureau shall have the responsibilty, in its own field, of executing the plans and applying the funds as ordered by the General Board of Managers, and supervised by the Board of Trustees.

3. The duty of the Secretary of each Bureau shall be to supervise the work, secure conformity to the rules for mission work approved by the General Board of Managers, and report quarterly or oftener to the Board of Trustees.

4. The Bureaus shall be: (1) Colored Work in Georgia, (2) Florida, (3) East Central States, (4) West Central States; (5) White Work in Mississippi and Tennessee; (6) Colored Work in Mississippi; (7) West Southern States; (8) Texas; (9) White Work in Alabama, North Carolina, and Georgia; (10) Utah; (11) New Mexico and Arizona (Spanish); (12) New Mexico and Arizona (Indian); (13) Pacific Coast Indian Bureau; (14) Alaska-Eskimo; Alaska-Aleut; (15) Immigrants; (16) Training-School; (17) Hospital; (18) New England; (19) Eastern; (20) Central; (21) Western; (22) Northern; (23) Northwestern; (24) Pacific; (25) Negro Deaconess; (26) Sustentation; (27) Missionary Candidates; (28) Mite-boxes; (29) Temperance; (30) Chinese; (31) Japanese and Korean Work; (32) Porto Rico; (33) Spanish Work on Pacific Coast; (34) Home Missionary Reading Circle; (35) Systematic Beneficence; (36) Kentucky.

5. The Bureau of Colored Work in Georgia shall supervise the colored work of the Society in the State of Georgia, and the Bureau for Florida in the State of Florida.

6. The Bureau for the East Central States shall supervise the work of the Society in West North Carolina and South Carolina.

7. The Bureau for West Central States shall supervise the colored work of the Society in East North Carolina and Tennessee.

8. The Bureau for White Work in Mississippi and Tennessee shall supervise the white work of the Society in those States.

9. The Bureau for Colored Work in Mississippi shall supervise the colored work of the Society in that State.

10. The Bureau for the West Southern States shall supervise the work of the Society in Louisiana and Arkansas.

11. The Bureau for White Work in Alabama, North Carolina, and Georgia shall supervise the white work in those States.

12. The Bureaus for Texas, Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona (Spanish), New Mexico and Arizona (Indian), and Alaska shall supervise the work of the Society in these States and Territories respectively.

13. The Pacific Coast Indian Bureau shall supervise the work of the Society at Stickney Home, Ukiah, and at Yuma Missions.

14. The Bureau for Immigrants shall supervise the establishment and care of Homes and Industrial School for immigrant women and girls, in connection with the ports of entry.

15. The Bureau for Chinese Work shall supervise the work of the Society among the Chinese.

16. The Bureau for Japanese and Korean Work shall supervise the work of the Society among the Japanese and Koreans on the Pacific Coast and Hawaii.

17. The Bureau for Porto Rico shall supervise the work of the Society in the Porto Rican mission field.

18. The Bureau for Spanish Work on the Pacific Coast shall supervise the work of the Society for the Spanish people on that coast.

19. The Bureau for Mission Supplies shall supervise the collection and distribution of clothing, literature, and such other supplies as may be helpful to ministers' families, Sunday schools, and the Industrial Schools of the Society.

20. Local missionary work, for which credit for money expended is given, shall be entered upon only with the approval of the Board of Trustees. Auxiliaries and Churches furnishing supplies to meet the needs of missionary work recognized by the Woman's Home Missionary Society may be credited for the same through the Bureau for Supplies.

21. It shall be the duty of the Department of Young People's Work to awaken and sustain interest in Home Missions among young people; to organize Young Women's Auxiliaries and Queen Esther Circles. It shall be the duty of the Department of Home Guards to organize Home Guards and to secure the enlistment of Mothers' Jewels.

22. The funds used for the support of city mission work shall be raised for that special purpose, and by such methods as shall not diminish the amount that would otherwise be contributed to the general treasury.

23. The Bureau for Home Missionary Reading Circles and Mission Study Classes shall co-operate with the Secretary of Literature in the supervision and preparation of courses of missionary reading and the organization of Reading Circles and Mission Study Classes. Loan libraries may be provided for the use of ministers and students in frontier districts.

24. The duty of the Bureau for Systematic Beneficence shall be to promote systematic giving by the preparation and circulation of literature and such other efforts as are adapted to secure this end.

25. The Bureau for Sustentation Fund shall formulate plans for the relief of needy preachers of our Churches and shall co-operate with such Conference Societies as may furnish similar aid.

26. The Bureau for Kentucky Work shall supervise the white work in that State.

27. All Secretaries of Bureaus shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees, and confirmed by the Board of Managers. Associate Bureau Secretaries shall be entitled to voice and vote in the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

DEPARTMENT OF DEACONESS WORK.

(1) All Deaconess Institutions under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be associated together in a Department of Deaconess Work.

(2) This Department shall consist of ten Bureaus to be known as the Bureaus of National Training Schools, Hospitals, New England, Eastern, Central, Western, Northern, Northwestern, Pacific, Negro and Permanent Deaconess Fund.

(3) The Department shall be under the supervision of an Executive Committee composed of the Secretaries of the Bureaus named above together with the Treasurer of the Permanent Deaconess Fund, two members at large to be nominated by the Board of Trustees and confirmed by the Board of Managers.

(4) For the first year the organization of the Executive Committee it is recommended that the present General Superintendent and the Field Secretary shall hold membership on the Committee in the place of the two members at large.

(5) It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to have general supervision of all Training Schools and Deaconess Institutions under the auspices of the Society. To take into consideration the demands of the entire work of the department and receive the reports of the Secretaries of Bureaus and of the Treasurer of the Permanent Deaconess Fund; to appoint Deaconesses and Probationers to their fields of work and to transact any other business that the interest of the Department may demand.

(6) The regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held in connection with the Spring meeting of the Board of Trustees and in October in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, five shall constitute a quorum.

(7) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Bureau to have general supervision of the work in her Bureau, to make herself acquainted with its needs and its opportunities, and to report annually or oftener if required to the Executive Committee.

(8) The Board of Management of each Deaconess Institution and each Deaconess in Station shall report annually or oftener if required to the Secretary of the Bureau in which the Institution or Station is located, all annual reports to be made for the period ending June 30th.

(9) Boundaries of Deaconess Bureaus.—These Bureaus comprise the deaconess interests of the Society within the bounds of those white, English-speaking Conferences and the Negro Conferences.

(10) Training School Bureau. This includes National Conference Training Schools.

(11) New England Bureau includes the following Conferences: East Maine, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Troy, New England, New England Southern.

(12) Eastern Bureau includes New York East, New York, Wyoming, Northern New York, Central New York, Genesee, Central Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Newark, New Jersey, Wilmington, Baltimore, Virginia, and Deaconess Stations south in the Atlantic Seaboard.

(13) Central Bureau includes Erie, Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Ohio, North-East Ohio, West Ohio, Detroit, Michigan, Indiana, North Indiana, Northwest Indiana, Rock River, Central Illinois, Illinois, Southern Illinois, and stations south of this territory.

(14) Western Bureau includes Nebraska, Northwest Nebraska, Missouri, St. Louis, Arkansas, Kansas, South Kansas, Northwest Kansas, Southwest Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Colorado.

(15) Northern Bureau includes Wisconsin, Northern Minnesota, Minnesota, Upper Iowa, Northwest Iowa, Iowa, Des Moines, North Dakota, Dakota, Black Hills Mission.

(16) Northwest Bureau includes Alaska Mission, Puget Sound, Columbia River, Montana, North Montana, Idaho, Wyoming Mission.

(17) Pacific Bureau includes Oregon, California, Southern California, Nevada Mission, Utah, Arizona Mission, New Mexico (English) and New Mexico (Spanish) Missions.

(18) Negro Deaconess Bureau includes all Negro Conferences within the boundaries of the United States.

(19) Hospital Bureau. This includes the hospital interests of the Society, with Brewster Hospital wthin the bounds of the Bureau for Florida.

(20) Auxiliaries in cities and towns where such Deaconess Homes are located as are authorized to send a delegate to the General Board of Managers shall be entitled to half the membership dues, which amount shall be returned to the Conference Treaurer.

(21) No promise of life support shall be made to those who enter upon the work after the age of forty years, or to those who shall have given less than eight years of efficient consecutive service as deaconesses, under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the eight years of service not to include the two years of training.

(22) And such deaconess may be admitted to a Rest Home on the payment for her of $200 by the Home of which she has been a member, or by herself, or by her friends.

(23) No promise of life support shall be made to those who, at the close of their effective service, shall be unwilling to enter a Rest Home.

(24) There shall be a Standing Committee for the purpose of creating and enlarging the Permanent Deaconess Fund.

(25) The Board of Management of such Deaconess Home as receives support from the Woman's Home Missionary Society, on approval of the General Board of Managers, shall become a Standing Committee for its management, and shall be entitled to a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

(26) We recommend that the rules of the several Homes, as to support of deaconesses, term of service, costume, age, or admission and support of disabled workers, shall be as nearly as possible uniform, and that the allowance for incidentals, for clothing, etc., for a licensed deaconess shall be ten dollars a month; all questions pertaining to the general interests of deaconess work being in each Conference finally placed, as by the Discipline, under the control of the Conference Board of Nine.

(27) Any person receiving aid from the Woman's Home Missionary Society in securing the training at the Training Schools of the Society shall receive this money as a loan, which obligation shall be satisfied by a term of service in the Society of not less than two years' service for one year's training, nor less than four years' service for two years' training, or return the money to the Society as soon as practicable.

(28) The Superintendent of any Deaconess Home associated with the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be a member of the Executive Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Conference in which that Home is located.

(29) The deaconesses of any Deaconess Home associated with the Woman's Home Missionary Society may select, annually, one of their own number who is a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, to represent them at the meetings of the Conference Society.

30. (*a*) The governing of the National Training Schools of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society; but the Board shall act through its Bureau of National Training Schools, aided by the President of each school and his local Board of Directors.

(*b*) The President of the National Training Schools shall be nominated by the Bureau for National Training Schools and elected by the Board of Trustees.

(*c*) The Board of Trustees shall elect annually the teachers for each school. Nominations for the consideration of the Board of Trustees shall be made at the regular meetings in March of each year by the President and local Board of Directors of each school, and at the April meeting of the Board of Trustees by the Secreaary of the Board for National Training Schools. In electing teachers, however, the Trustees shall not be confined to the nominations so made.

(*d*) The President of each school, with the advice of his local Board of Directors, shall have the responsibility of the internal management and

discipline of the school and the recommendation of pupils for graduation in the various courses of instruction.

(*e*) The Bureau for National Training Schools, together with the President, shall determine the Course of Study, text-books, and standard of admission and graduation.

(Numbers *a* and *b* apply equally to all departments of the Training Schools.)

*(*f*) The local Board of Directors at Washington shall consist of five groups of three members each—fifteen in all—of whch five shall be men and ten women. The term of office of each group is to be five years. At the regular monthly meeting in March the local Board of Directors shall nominate twice the number of persons required to fill vacancies which shall occur by expiration of the term of office or by other causes, from which the Board of Trustee will choose a sufficient number to fill vacancies. Vacancies occurring during the year may be filled by the local Board of Directors until the end of the current year.

(*g*) The local Board of Directors shall authorize the purchase of supplies for table, fuel, and household expenses, including repairs and incidentals. Bills in all the departments shall be kept within the annual appropriations made by the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Any expenditure involving more than $500 shall first be referred to the National Training School Committee.

(*h*) All bills shall be audited by a committee of three appointed by the local Board of Directors, and a copy of such audit shall be filed with the Auditor of the National Training Schools Committee, who, by virtue of his office, shall be a member of the local Board of Directors of each Training School with voice and vote.

(*i*) The local Board of Directors, at their meeting in December, may elect one of their number, who, with the President of the School, shall be delegate with voice and vote to the meeting of the National Training School Committee in January and May.

(*j*) These By-laws relating to Training Schools may be changed at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. The recommendations for changes in or additions to these By-laws may be made at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees by the Bureau for National Training Schools and by the President and local Board of Directors of the respective schools.

(*k*) Actions of the Bureau for National Training Schools taken at the semi-annual meetings of the Committee are not subject to changes save the Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

(*l*) All questions relating to or in any wise affecting real estate belonging to this Corporation shall be determined only by the Board of Trustees of this Society, or by such Committee as it may appoint for this purpose.

III.

FINANCE.

1. The fiscal year of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall end the 31st of July, and the books of the General Treasurer will close on that date. The fiscal year of the Conference Societies shall end July 15th.

2. Auxiliary Societies.—The Corresponding Secretaries shall send their reports semi-annually, December 15th and June 15th. The Treasurers shall send quarterly reports, September 15th, December 15th, March 15th, June 15th.

3. The funds of the Society, unless otherwise ordered, must be sent

by the Auxiliaries to the Conference Treasurer, and thence forwarded to the General Treasurer; and whenever held by either of these officers shall be deposited in a banking institution in the name of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Money to be expended for missionary supplies for frontier or Southern work must in all cases be raised as a special fund for this work.

4. Moneys shall not be collected by the employees of the Society for any special purpose, unless such collection is authorized by the Board of Trustees, and the purpose approved; and moneys so collected shall be paid into the General Treasury, and be regularly appropriated therefrom.

5. The Bureau Secretaries shall present to the Committee on Ways and Means not later than May 1st of each year a carefully prepared estimate of needed appropriations for their work for the following year.

6. Conference Societies.—Auxiliary and Conference Corresponding Secretaries shall send semi-annual reports, January 15th and July 15th, and Treasurers shall send their quarterly reports as prescribed in the Constitution, Article IV, Sectons 3 and 4, October 15th, January 15th, April 15th, and July 15th.

Board of Trustees.—The Corresponding Secretary shall furnish the reports specified in the Constitution, Article III, Section 8, as soon as possible after the 15th of January and July.

7. The appropriations of the Society shall be made by the General Board of Managers acting as a Committee of the Whole. This committee shall not appropriate in any year more than the total available net income received by the Treasurer during the preceding fiscal year.

8. The pledges for the work of this Society shall be sent by each Conference Correspondingg Secretary to the Secretary of the Finance Committee one month before the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers. The Corresponding Secretary of each Conference shall be allowed to pledge a small amount over and above that already pledged by her Conference Society to meet deficiencies between appropriations granted and pledges received; also to meet new pleas presented in the meeting of Finance Committee.

9. All moneys received by bequest and devise by the Treasurer of a Conference Society shall be sent at once to the General Treasurer, who shall return it at once to the Treasurer of the Conference Society.

This action is taken that the report of the General Treasurer may be more exact and cover all amounts received by the Conferences.

10. All moneys received from Life Membership, Life Managers or Life Patrons shall go into the General Fund and can not be used for any other purpose.

11. The payment of twenty dollars life membership does not excuse the life member from the payment of annual dues. The life membership is purely honorary.

12. No officer of the Society, no Auxiliary or Conference Society, shall contract for the purchase of property, or undertake any special work (other than local work within its own territory) without the approval of the Board of Trustees of this Society, expressed in writing and duly certified by the signatures of the Chairman and Recording Secretary of said Board.

13. The erection of buildings shall not be begun nor contracted for until the money that will be required for the completion thereof shall have been paid into the general treasury of this Society, or fully provided for, nor until the erection of said building or buildings, and all the plans and contracts relating to the same shall have been approved by the Board of Trustees of this Society in the manner specified in the foregoing paragraph.

14. The President and Recording Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall be empowered to sign all deeds and contracts for the Society. The Treasurer shall be empowered to sign all notes of the Society.

IV.

BUILDINGS AND CARE OF HOMES AND SCHOOLS.

1. The erection of all buildings for Home and school work shall be under the care of the Bureau having charge of the work, which shall determine the site, select the plan, let the contract, supervise the erection, and accept the work, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

2. The furnishing of Industrial Homes and Schools shall be plain, simple, and economical, and as carefully adapted to circumstances as possible. The purchases shall be made under the direction of the Bureau in charge, and the property shall belong to the Society. At the end of each year an inventory of property, and a statement of its condition, shall be furnished to the Board by the Superintendent of the Home.

3. Each Industrial Home shall be under the care of a Superintendent, who, together with the teachers and assistants, shall be employed by the Board of Trustees and paid by order of the Society.

4. All the employees of the Board shall make, directly or through their Superintendents, as they shall be instructed, monthly reports of their work as per blank provided, sending one copy to the General Corresponding Secretary and another to the Secretary of the Bureau in charge of the field.

5. Since the conversion and spiritual growth of those for whom we labor is the object of all effort, our instructors are required to work diligently and methodically to that end, through family worship, school instruction, personal appeal, and social means of grace, endeavoring at all times to develop sound and strong character.

6. It shall be the aim in our Industrial Schools to provide: (1) Such social and moral training as shall tend to make good neighbors and good citizens; (2) When necessary, the rudiments of education—reading, writing, and keeping simple accounts; (3) Such domestic instruction as shall fit girls to care for a house and prepare plain meals properly and economically; (4) Instruction in dressmaking and cutting, making and mending plain garments or ordinary wearing apparel; (5) Tuition in nursing—the care of the sick; (6) Kindergarten and kitchen-garden trainng; (7) Instruction in the cultivation of vegetables, fruits, and flowers.

7. It shall be our aim to provide a library for each Industrial Home and school, to which pupils may have daily access.

V.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

1. There shall be a Committee on Literature consisting of the General Corresponding Secretary of the Society, the Editor of *Woman's Home Missions*, the Editor of Publications, and the Secretary of Literature.

2. This Committee shall secure and furnish information relating to the various Bureaus and mission fields in the form of Books, Booklets, and Leaflets; upon application send such information out for use in Conference, District, and Auxiliary meetings as will aid in the dissemination of Home Missionary intelligence. All leaflets, booklets, etc., bearing the imprint of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the bills for printing

which are to be paid from the treasury, shall receive the approval of the Committee on Literature before being put to press.

3. The Recording Secretary shall give to the public, through the Church papers, a condensed report of such proceedings of each meeting of the Board of Trustees as will be of interest to the Society or to the general public.

VI.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

I. Persons who offer themselves for employment by the Society must give satisfactory answers to the following questions:

1. Do you feel that you are moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon you the work of a Home missionary?
2. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord?
3. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church as set forth in Part I, Chapter I, of the Discipline?
4. When and where were you born?
5. What are your domestic relations and obligations?
6. Have you a thorough English education?
7. In what schools have you taught, and how long?
8. Have you knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?
9. Can you cut and fit dresses, and teach sewing and millinery?
10. Are you able to give instruction in housekeeping, including cooking?
11. Have you had experience in the care of the sick?

II. 1. The candidates must furnish satisfactory testimonials to the following facts: (1) Membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church; (2) Christian zeal for the salvation of souls; (3) Good health; (4) Educational fitness; (5) Ability to give instruction in the common domestic industries; (6) Aptness to teach.

2. Each candidate is requested to write a letter giving a brief sketch of her life and her call to the work, which, with her photograph, is to be sent with her testimonials.

3. The testimonials of a missionary candidate shall be considered and passed by her Conference Board before they are brought to the Committee on Missionary Candidates.

4. When a candidate has been approved by the Board of Trustees, she may be appointed on nomination of a Bureau to a mission field.

5. The Board of Trustees at its quarterly meeting in April shall make a special examination of the work of the missionaries during the past year, and appoint them for the coming year.

6. A missionary shall receive her traveling expenses from her home to her field of labor; also her return expenses when she is recalled by the Board of Trustees; and her salary from the time of arrival in her field. This salary shall not exceed $40 per month.

VII.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-laws may be amended or suspended at any Annual Meeting of the General Board of Managers.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

[Note.—Under the laws of incorporation of the State of Ohio, a majority of the members of the body incorporated constitutes a quorum. Therefore eleven is the legal quorum of the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.]

1. The meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held quarterly, or oftener, at the call of the President and Recording Secretary, due notice being given.

2. The Recording Secretary shall notify each member of the time and place of all meetings, regular and special.

3. The Board of Trustees shall organize by the election of a Chairman and the requisite Standing Committee at its first meeting next succeeding the Annual Meeting of the General Board of Managers.

4. At the quarterly meetings written reports shall be presented by the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, the Secretaries of the Bureaus, and the Chairman of the Standing Committees.

5. The Board of Trustees shall appoint a Business Committee of seven, to consist of the President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and three other members of the Board, with power to transact business for the Board in the intervals of the meetings of the Board of Trustees. This Committee shall report its action at the regular meeting next succeeding such action.

6. Corresponding Secretaries of Conference Societies, in attendance upon any meeting of the Board of Trustees, shall be entitled to a seat and the privilege of discussion.

7. The Order of Business and Rules of Debate shall be as follows: (1) Singing, reading of Scriptures, prayer; (2) Reading the minutes of last meeting; (3) Reports of the Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Secretaries of the Bureaus, Standing Committees; (4) Reports of Special Committees; (5) Unfinished business; (6) Resolutions for discussion shall be presented in writing; (7) Ladies speaking shall rise and address the Chair.

8. There shall be the followng Standing Committees: (1) Business; (2) Scholarships; (3) Missionary Candidates; (4) Annual Meeting; (5) Literature; (6) *Woman's Home Missions;* (7) Transportation; (8) Mite-boxes; (9) Bequest and Devise; (10) Insurance; (11) Thank-offering; (12) Office.

9. These By-laws may be amended by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, notice of the desired change having been given at the preceding meeting. They may be suspended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society shall call meetings of the Executive Board when the exigencies of the work demand it. This Executive Board shall determine the date and place of the Annual Meeting, and arrange for anniversary exercises, unless these items have been provided for by previous action at the Annual Meeting.

2. The program for the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society shall include reports from the Recording and Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, and the District Secretaries; the election of officers, of Standing Committees, of a delegate and alternate to the Annual Meeting

of the Board of Managers, and of a delegate and alternate as provided in Section VII, No. 3, Young People's Work.

3. Order of business: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) Introduction of delegates; (3) Appointment of committees; (4) Readng of minutes of last meeting; (5) Report of Treasurer; (6) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (7) Reports of District Officers; (8) Reports of Secretaries of Departments; (9) Reports of committees; (10) Unfinished and miscellaneous business; (11) Election of officers.

4. Each District Secretary shall present a list of the full names of her delegation to the Recording Secretary.

5. The Standing Committees shall be appointed as follows: (1) Annual Meeting; (2) By-laws; (3) *Woman's Home Missions.*

6. The Committee on Anniversary shall consist of the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Secretary of the District in which the meeting is to be held.

7. The four general officers, President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, shall be nominated by informal ballot, and elected by ballot. Vacancies occurring in the Conference Board *ad interim* may be filled by the Executive Board of the Conference. No Conference Society shall be allowed to have salaried officers except the Conference Organizer, and her salary shall be such as has been provided for by the By-laws of the Society.

8. Every Auxiliary Society and Young People's Society in the Conference shall be entitled to a delegate for each twenty members, and fraction thereof. Auxiliaries and Young People's Societes of less than twenty members shall be entitled to one delegate; also the Board of Management of a Deaconess Home or Mission Home associated with the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be entitled to a delegate; these delegates, with the Executive Board, Secretaries of Departments, and Conference Organizers. Bureau Secretaries within the bounds of the Conference shall constitute the Annual Meeting.

9. The duty of each District President shall be to have general supervision of the work in her district. She shall confer and co-operate with the Secretary in organizing and visiting the work; preside at the District meetings, and endeavor to secure the favor and aid of the District Superintendent and pastors. She shall report her work to the Secretary of the District.

10. The duty of the District Secretary shall be to co-operate with the President in the organization of Auxiliaries; to correspond with and visit them, to arrange for public meetings, to send out blanks and receive reports, and to forward a report by the 1st of January, and July to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society, and to secure a report from Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries for Conference and District Annual Meetings. In the absence of a Conference Secretary of Young People's Work, she shall also secure reports from Circles and Bands.

11. There shall be the following Secretaries: Mite-box, Young People's Work, Home Guards, and Mothers' Jewels, Readng Circles, Systematic Beneficence, Literature, Temperance, Evangelism, and such Secretaries as the emergencies of the work may demand, etc.

12. The Executive Board shall meet in ———— on the —— of each month, if practicable.

13. No membership dues, honorary membership dues, or moneys obtained for missionary purposes may be used for local needs.

14. Mite-box and Thank-offering funds raised under the auspices of the Society shall be devoted *only* to some department of the work of the Society.

15. Auxiliaries shall have credit in the General Reports only for moneys and vouchers sent to the General Treasurer. The Superintendents of each of our Institutions shall send duplicate vouchers to the Conference Treasurer and Conference Supply Secretary respectively for all donations received from any source within their territory.

16. There shall be a contingent fund of twenty cents per member, provided by assessment or by penny collections, or by any other method desired by Auxiliaries.

17. As soon as practicable, each District shall be organized into an Association under the Constitution adopted by the Board of Trustees.

18. The District Association or the President and Secretary of each District shall be a Committee to arrange for a presentation of our work at camp-meetings held on the district. In case of their failure to do so, that duty shall devolve upon the Conference Executive Board.

19. Any Conference that has held one or more Annual Meetings, and has its duly elected Conference and District officers, may determine its own methods for organizing Auxiliaries and the amount of remuneration of its organizers, provided that all its plans shall be in harmony with the Constitution.

20. The Conference Societies shall be held responsible for the direction and control of their respective Organizers.

21. In all cases where Conference Organizers, whose appointment has been confirmed by the Board of Trustees, are employed, the expense, which consists of traveling expense and one dollar for each day of actual service, must be met by the Conference if possible. An itemized bill must be given to the Conference Treasurer, and when the Conference Contingent Fund is insufficient to pay the whole of this bill, the Conference Treasurer may forward the same, indicating the amount paid thereon, to the General Treasurer, who will pay the balance.

22. The accounts of such organizers shall be audited each month by an Auditing Committee, appointed by the Conference Board for this purpose, before sending bills to the General Treasurer.

23. The Conference Treasurer shall close her account with the Auxiliaries the —— of ———, after which all the moneys received shall be placed in the next year's account.

24. These By-laws may be suspended by a majority vote of the Conference Executive Board at any regular meeting, and amended by a two-thirds vote of an Annual Meeting, the change being in harmony with the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

NOTE.—In Conferences where the interests of the work demand it, supplementary by-laws adapted to the local needs may be adopted by the Conference Annual Meeting, provided they do not conflict with the spirit of the Constitution.

CONSTITUTION FOR DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the ———— District Association of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Art. 2. It shall be the object of this Association to secure an Auxiliary in each charge on the district if possible, and to sustain interest in those already organized.

Art. 3. Every person who is a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society on the ———— District shall be a member of the Association.

Art. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-

President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and such Secretaries of departments as are necessary to the promotion of the work. The five General Officers, viz., President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, after having been nominated shall be elected by ballot.

Art. 5. The duties shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers, with the addition to those of the Corresponding Secretary, that she shall secure a report from each Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary on the 15th of December, and of June, and send a report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary by the 1st of January and July. The Treasurer shall hold the Contingent Fund of the district, which she shall disburse upon the order of the President and Corresponding Secretary.

Art. 6. There shall be an Annual Meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may be of interest to the Association.

Art. 7. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society, the change being in harmony with the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

Article 1. This Society shall be called the Woman's Home Missionary Society of ————, Auxiliary to the ———— Conference Society of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid in interesting Christian women in the elevation and evangelization of the needy and destitute women and children in our own land, and in raising funds for this work.

Art. 3. Any person paying one dollar per year may become a member of this Society; and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, shall be constituted a life member.

Art. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary of Literature, and such other Department Secretaries as may be thought advisable, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the Society.

Art. 5. Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held ———— of each month. The Anniversary Meeting shall be on the ———— day of ————, when the Annual Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be read, and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

Art. 6. This Constitution may be amended only by the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to supervise its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform the duty of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, and to provide the pastor with notices of meetings.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, to send reports semi-annually of the condition and work of the Auxiliary to the District Secretary when the District Association is organized; otherwise to the Conference Secretary, and in the absence of such an officer to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Society in Cincinnati. It shall also be the duty of the Corresponding Secretaries, when no other person is appointed, to faithfully solicit subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions.*

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book account, and to send the same quarterly to the Conference Treasurer, and in the absence of such an officer, to the Treasurer of the General Society.

6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Literature to provide and care for one or more sets of books in the Home Missionary Reading Circle. She shall keep a file of *Woman's Home Missions, Children's Home Missions,* and the Annual Reports for reference; take and forward orders for the same. She shall keep a careful record and report regularly to the Auxiliary.

7. Order of exercises for monthly meetings: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) Reading and approval of minutes; (3) Reports from members of work done; (4) Report of Treasurer, in writing; (5) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (6) Unfinished business; (7) Miscellaneous business; (8) "Concert Lesson;" (9) Adjournment.

8. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, in which reports shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase the general missionary intelligence and zeal in the special work of this Society.

9. There shall be a Standing Committee of Three to provide literary exercises of a missionary character for the monthly and quarterly meetings.

10. There shall be a Contingent Fund of twenty cents per member, provided by assessment or by penny collections at the regular meetings, or by any other method devised by the Auxiliary.

11. Each woman connected with this Society shall try to induce others to become members, and shall do what she can to add to the general interest, remembering in prayer each day the Society, its workers, schools, orphans, and missionaries.

12. These By-laws may be changed or amended at any regular meetings of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present—notice of such intention having been given at a previous meeting.

CONSTITUTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE I.

It shall be the duty of the Department of Young People's Work (1) to awaken and sustain interest among young people in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society; (2) to organize Young Woman's Auxiliaries and Queen Esther Circles.

Young women paying annual dues of one dollar, with ten cents Contingent Fund, may be organized into Auxiliaries. Young people paying five cents a month (fifty cents annually for General and ten cents for Contingent Fund) may be organized into Queen Esther Circles, and may be under the supervision of an older person called a Director.

Conferences having ten or more Young People's organizations may

elect a young woman as a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

ARTICLE II.—Local Organization.

Section 1. This Society shall be called Young Woman's Auxiliary or Queen Esther Circle of ———————— Methodist Episcopal Church.

Sec. 2 The object of this organization shall be to interest young people in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, to learn of the need for missionary work in our own country and what is being done to meet it, and to raise funds for such work.

Sec. 3. Any young person fourteen years of age or over, paying fifty cents dues per annum and ten cents Contingent Fund may be a member of the Queen Esther Circle.

Any young person paying one dollar dues and ten cents Contingent Fund annually may be a member of the Young Woman's Auxiliary.

Any person paying one dollar per year dues may become an honorary member of either organization.

Sec. 4. The officers of these organizations shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Secretary of Literature, a Secretary of Supplies, a Secretary of Home Mission Reading Circles, and a Mite-box Secretary.

Sec. 5. Meetings of this Society shall be held at ———————— on the ———————— of each month. The Annual Meeting shall be held in June of each year, at which time reports shall be made and officers elected for the coming year.

Sec. 6. This Constitution may be changed only by the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

BY-LAWS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Society, and in every way seek to promote its interests.

2. The Vice-President shall take the place of the President in her absence and shall seek to assist her in every way.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct list of the members and records of the proceedings of the Society, and shall provide the pastor with notices of its meetings.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and send quarterly reports of its work to the District Secretary of Young People's Work, if there be one; if not, to the Conference Secretary of Young People's Work. If there be neither District nor Conference Secretary for this department, she shall send such reports to the Conference Corresponding Secretary. She shall also notify the same officers of changes in the officers of the Society.

5. The Treasurer shall have charge of all money of the Society. She shall collect membership dues, keep a book account thereof, and send funds once a quarter to the Conference Treasurer. Aside from dues, pledges, and mite-box money, a Contingent Fund shall also be provided for the expenses of the Society.

6. The Young People's Societies may designate the field of work to which their funds shall be applied after consultation with the Conference and District Secretaries of Young People's Work.

7. The Vice-President and Director shall be members of the Program Committee, and other members may be added.

8. The Mite-box Secretary shall secure and distribute mite-boxes to members of the Society and to others, that thus interest may be created and the work helped. At a designated meeting the mite-boxes shall be opened by a committee, of which the Mite-box Secretary shall be Chairman. This committee shall report to the Society the amount of money collected, paying the same to the Treasurer, and shall also report to the District Mite-box Secretary.

9. The Secretary of Literature shall order the leaflets, periodicals, text-books, and other publications connected with the work of the Circle or Auxiliary. It is also her special duty to urge the securing and use of the same.

10. The Secretary of Reading Circles shall urge the organization of Reading Circles and Home Mission Study Classes aside from the regular meetings of the Society, in accordance with the plans made by the General Secretary of Reading Circles.

11. The Secretary of Supplies shall seek to arouse interest in this department by making the Society familiar with the needs and calls for such help on the frontier and from our homes and schools, as well as from local interests, such as Deaconess Work, that are under the control of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

12. The Society may give public literary and musical entertainments, at which full reports may be made, thus arousing sympathy and interest in the Church for its work. Such entertainments, whatever the program, should always emphasize the thought and work of Home Missions.

13. Each member of the Society shall try to induce others to join, and shall do all in her power to make the meetings contribute to mental and spiritual growth.

14. Order of exercises for monthly meetings: Devotional service; reading of minutes; report (or statement) of Treasurer; report of Corresponding Secretary; discussion of plans of work; unfinished and miscellaneous business; program; adjournment.

15. These By-laws may be amended only at a regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, one month's notice of such intention having been given.

CONSTITUTION FOR HOME GUARDS.

Article 1. This organization shall be called the ———— Home Guards of ———— Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 2. The object of this organization is to interest the children and youth of the Church in missionary work in our own land, and to secure their help in carrying it forward.

Art. 3. The officers of this organization shall be a lady Director, whose duty shall be to take charge of and direct the organization; a President, four or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, whose duties shall be those usual to such offices.

Art. 4. Any child or young person, fourteen years of age or under, with consent of parents or guardians, may become a member of the Home Guards by paying yearly twenty-five cents as membership fee.

Art. 5. The Home Guards may hold entertainments or use any methods for securing funds that are in harmony with Christian usages and the rules of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 6. The Home Guards may support a beneficiary, furnish mission supplies, or assist in any department of missionary work they may desire,

provided the work chosen be approved by the Executive Board of the Conference Society or the Board of Trustees of the General Society.

Art. 7. This organization may become a part of the Woman's Home Missionary Society by contributing to its work in its various fields, and all work done by them shall be under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Money and vouchers must be sent through their Treasurer to the Conference Treasurer.

Art. 8. The annual meeting of the Home Guards for the election of officers shall be held on ————.

Art. 9. This Constitution can be amended by the Board of Trustees of the General Society. Petitions for change may be made in writing, stating reasons for such request, and bearing the signature of all the officers of the Society.

BY-LAWS FOR HOME GUARDS.

1. The meetings of this organization shall be held on ———— of every ————

2. A Committee on Music, consisting of three or five members (at least one adult), shall be appointed for one month or more, whose duty it shall be to provide suitable music for the meetings.

3. The Vice-Presidents shall each in turn be responsible for the entertainment of the meeting by securing speeches, dialogues, quartets, etc., from their Societies and by obtaining the aid of adults as needed. And, together with the Director and the Committee on Music, they shall prepare a program before each meeting for the use of the President.

4. Order of exercises for regular meeting: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) Reading and approval of minutes; (3) Report of Treasurer; (4) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (5) Report of Home Guards; (6) Unfinished and miscellaneous business; (7) Program; (8) Adjournment.

5. These By-laws may be amended with the consent of the Auxiliary with which the Society is connected.

CONSTITUTION FOR MOTHERS' JEWELS.

Article 1. This Society shall be called the Mothers' Jewels of ——— Church.

Art. 2. The object of this Society is to help other children by working with the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 3. Any boy or girl ten years old or younger may join this Society by paying dues of ten cents a year. The payment of one dollar shall constitute a Mothers' Jewel life membership.

Art. 4. The Society shall be under the charge of an adult leader, and its officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Art. 5. The members of the Society shall raise money under the direction of their leader (in addition to paying the dues), to help take care of children in the various Homes of our Society.

BY-LAWS FOR MOTHERS' JEWELS.

1. The time and place of meetings and the programs for the same shall be under the direction of the leader.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

BEQUEST—(***Personal Estate***)—*I give and bequeath to the* ***Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church,*** *a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the sum of..... .... and the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.*

DEVISE—(***Real Estate***)—*I give and devise to the* ***Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church,*** *a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the following lands and premises, that is to say: .... to have and to hold or dispose of the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Society, its successors, and assigns forever.*

NOTE.—Notice should be given promptly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society of all Bequests and Devises.

RATES OF ANNUITY.

Where it is practical, in the place of making a bequest, it is far better to convert property into cash and place the same in the treasury of the Missionary Society at once, on the annuity plan. By so doing all possibility of litigation is avoided and a fair income is assured.

The following rates are given:

To persons from 50 to 55 years of age.....4 per cent
To persons from 56 to 60 years of age.....4½ per cent
To persons from 61 to 65 years of age.....5 per cent
To persons from 66 to 70 years of age.....5½ per cent
To persons 70 years and over .....6 per cent

Special cases shall be arranged for by the Trustees having in charge bequests and annuities.

This plan removes all risk of broken wills through skill of lawyers and uncertainty of courts.

DONATION $1,000.	ANNUITY 5%

CERTIFICATE OF ANNUITY.

(Insert donor's name.) (Insert residence.)

..... of .....

having donated the sum of **One Thousand Dollars** *to THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, subject, however, to the payment by said Society of an* **annuity** *of five per cent per annum on said sum for and during her natural life, which donation has been accepted, subject to the condition aforesaid; NOW, THEREFORE, said Society hereby agrees to pay said annuity to the order of said donor in semi-annual installments, being the sum of* **Twenty-five Dollars,** *payable on the first day of January, and a like sum of* **Twenty-five Dollars,** *payable on the first day of July of each and every year hereafter, so long as the said* ..... *shall live; and after her death said Society shall not be subject to any payment on account of said donation.*

This Society *shall have the immediate right to use said donation for any of its purposes.*

In Witness Whereof *said Society has caused its corporate name to be hereunto subscribed and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed at the City of Cincinnati, by Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson, its Treasurer, thereunto duly authorized, this* .....*day of* ..... *one thousand nine hundred and* .....

THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BY

.....
TREASURER.

CORPORATE SEAL.

NOTE.—Form of Annuity Certificate. The above form is for a donation of $1,000, with annuity of five per cent. It can readily be changed either in amount or in the rate per cent, or in both, so as to comply with the facts and contract in each case.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the State of Ohio, desiring to become incorporated under the laws of Ohio, in such cases made and provided, do hereby subscribe and acknowledge the following Articles of Incorporation :

First. The name of the corporation shall be "THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

Second. The said corporation shall be located at *Cincinnati*, Hamilton County, Ohio.

Third. The said corporation is not for profit, but is wholly benevolent and charitable.

Fourth. The purpose and objects of the corporation shall be to enlist and organize Christian women to labor in behalf of needy and destitute women and children in all parts of our country, without distinction of race, and to co-operate with the other societies and agencies of the Methodist Episcopal Church in educational and missionary work; to employ women to work in destitute localities; to instruct the ignorant and unfortunate in the practice of industry and economy; and in the principles of sanitary law and morality, and to establish schools and evangelistic agencies throughout the United States and Territories.

Thus done and certified at *Cincinnati, Ohio*, this *20th* day of *November*, A. D., *1884*.

ELIZA G. DAVIS,	[Seal.]
ELIZABETH RUST,	[Seal.]
E. J. FOWLER WILLING,	[Seal.]
M. E. AMPT,	[Seal.]
LOUISA HEMESETH.	[Seal.]

The State of Ohio, Hamilton County, ss.:

Be it remembered that on the *20th* day of *November*, *1884*, before me the subscriber, a *Notary Public* in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared *Eliza G. Davis*, *Elizabeth Rust*, *E. J. Fowler Willing*, *M. E. Ampt*, and *Louisa Hemeseth*, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing articles of incorporation, and severally acknowledged that they respectively signed and sealed the same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my *Notariat Seal*, the day and year last aforesaid.

WM. J. T. WILSON,
Notary Public, Hamilton County, O.

{(SEAL.)}

The State of Ohio, County of Hamilton, ss.:

I, *Daniel J. Dalton, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas*, a Court of Record within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in this office that *Wm. J. T. Wilson*, whose name is subscribed to the annexed instrument, was at the time of taking such proof, or acknowledgment, a Notary Public in and for said County, duly commissioned and qualified, and duly authorized to administer oaths, to take acknowledgments of deeds, etc.

And further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of said *Wm. J. T. Wilson*, and verily believe that the signature to the said certificate, or proof of acknowledgment, is genuine. I further certify that said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of this State.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said Court, at Cincinnati, this 21st day of November, A. D., 1884.

{ (SEAL.) }

Daniel J. Dalton, Clerk.
By Richard C. Rohner, Deputy.

(Certificate under Section 906, Revised Statutes of the United States.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
STATE OF OHIO,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

I, LEWIS C. LAYLIN, *Secretary of State of the State of Ohio*, and being the officer who, under the Constitution and Laws of said State, is duly constituted the keeper of the record of articles of incorporation of all companies incorporated under the laws thereof, and the records of all papers relating to the creation of said incorporated companies, and empowered to authenticate exemplifications of the same, do hereby certify that the annexed instrument is an exemplified copy, carefully prepared by me with the original record now in my official custody as Secretary of State, and found to be true and correct, of the Articles of Incorporation of "THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH," filed in this office on the *22d* day of *November*, A. D. *1884*, and recorded in *Volume 31*, *Page 242*, of the *Records of Incorporations;* that said exemplification is in due form and made by me as the proper officer, and is entitled to have full faith and credit given it in every court and office within the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto attached my official signature and the Great Seal of the State of Ohio, at Columbus, this 1st day of March, A. D., 1902.

LEWIS C. LAYLIN, *Secretary of State.*
[Signed.]

SEAL.

BUREAUS.

COLORED WORK.

GEORGIA.—Thayer Home, South Atlanta, Ga., 1883.
Haven Home, Speedwell Home, Savannah, Ga., 1885.

FLORIDA.—Boylan Home Industrial Training School, Jacksonville, Fla., 1886.
Brewster Hospital and Nurse Training School, Jacksonville, Fla., 1901.
Emerson Memorial Home and School, Ocala, 1893.

EAST CENTRAL STATES.—Allen Industrial Home, Asheville, N. C.
Lurandus Beach Industrial School, N. C.
Browning Industrial Home, Camden, S. C.
Mather Academy, Camden, S. C.

WEST CENTRAL STATES.—Kent Industrial Home, Greensboro, N. C., 1885.
New Jersey Conference Industrial Home, Morristown, Tenn., 1892.

WEST SOUTHERN STATES.—Adaline Smith Industrial Home, Little Rock, Ark.
Peck School of Domestic Science and Art, New Orleans, La.
English and Italian Mission, New Orleans.

MISSISSIPPI.—Elizabeth L. Rust Home, Holly Springs, 1884.

TEXAS.—King Industrial Home, Marshall, Texas, 1891.
Eliza Dee Industrial Home, Austin, Tex., 1904.

WHITE WORK.

ALABAMA AND GEORGIA.—Rebecca McClesky Industrial Home, Boaz, Ala.
Settlement Work, Cedartown, Ga.

MISSISSIPPI AND TENNESSEE.—Bennett Industrial Home, Clarkson, Miss.
Bennett Academy, Clarkson, Miss., 1884.
Elizabeth Ritter Home, Athens, Tenn., 1891.
American Highlanders.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Ebenezer Mitchell Home and School, Lenoir, N. C.
Community Schools.

UTAH.—Schools, Homes, and Missions in Salt Lake City, Provo, Elsinore, Logan, Mt. Pleasant, Moroni, Spring City, Ogden, and Ephraim.

KENTUCKY.—Harlan, Ky., 1912.
Olive Hill, Ky., 1912.

SPANISH WORK.

NEW MEXICO (Spanish and English).—Harwood Industrial Home and School, Fourteenth and Fruit Ave., Albuquerque, N. M., 1896.
Tucson Industrial School, Seventh Ave., Tucson, Ariz., 1906.
Settlement Work, El Paso, Texas.

SPANISH WORK ON PACIFIC COAST.—Frances DePauw Spanish Industrial School, Los Angeles, Cal., 1889.

PORTO RICO.—George O. Robinson Orphanage and Industrial Home for Girls, San Juan, Porto Rico.
McKinley Kindergarten, San Juan, Porto Rico.
McKinley Kindergarten, Puerta de Tierra, Porto Rico.
Fisk Kindergarten, Ponce, Porto Rico.
Williams Kindergarten, Vieques Island, Porto Rico.

INDIAN WORK.

INDIAN AND MEXICAN WORK.—Navajo Mission, Farmington, N. M., 1890.

KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA.—The Pottawatomies, Mayette, Kan.
The Poncas, White Eagle, Okla.

PACIFIC COAST.—Nooksack Indian Mission, Everson, Wash.
Yuma Indian Mission, Yuma, Ariz.
Greenville Indian Mission, Greenville, Cal.

CHINESE WORK.

Oriental Home for Chinese Girls, Washington St., San Francisco, Cal.
Missions in San Francisco, Oakland, and Los Angeles.

JAPANESE AND KOREAN WORK.

Susannah Wesley Home, 1444 King St., Honolulu, H. I.
Ellen Stark Ford Home, 2025 Pine St., San Francisco, Cal.
Jane Crouch Memorial Home, 1350 S. Burlington Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
David and Margaret Home, Los Angeles, Cal., 1910.
Katherine J. Blaine Home, 11th and Terrace Sts., Seattle, Wash.

ALASKA WORK.

Jesse Lee Industrial Home, Unalaska, Alaska, 1890.
Hilah Seward Industrial Home, Sinuk, Alaska, 1909.
Settlement, Nome, Alaska, 1911.

IMMIGRANT WORK.

Immigrant Girls' Home, 9 State St., New York, N. Y., 1889.
Immigrant Girls' Home, 72-74 Marginal St., East Boston, Mass., 1888.
Philadelphia Immigrant Work, 1889-1897.
Philadelphia Immigrant Station, 1897.
Angel Island, San Francisco, Cal., 1911.
New Orleans, La., 1913.

CITY WORK.

E. E. Marcy Center, Chicago, Ill., 1884.
Glenn Home, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1890.
Hull Street and Medical Mission, Boston, Mass.
Italian Mission, Rochester, N. Y.
Utica Italian Settlement, Utica, N. Y.
Anthracite Slavonic Mission, Hazelton, Pa.

ORPHANAGES.

Mothers' Jewels Home, York, Neb., 1890.
Cunningham Children's Home, Urbana, Ill., 1895.
Watts de Peyster Industrial Home and School for Girls, Tivoli, N. Y.
Elizabeth A. Bradley Children's Home, Hulton, Pa.

Deaconess Work.

DEACONESS BUREAUS.

Eastern, Central, Western, Pacific Coast, Utah, Colored.

NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR DEACONESSES AND MISSIONARIES.

Lucy Webb Hayes, Washington, D. C., 1891.
Kansas City, 1899.
San Francisco, 1893.
McCrum (Slavonic), Uniontown, Pa., 1909.
Grace (Colored), Nashville, Tenn., 1911.

CONFERENCE TRAINING SCHOOLS.

Aldrich Memorial (Michigan Conference), Grand Rapids, Mich., 1897.
Brooklyn Training School (N. Y. East Conf.), Brooklyn, N. Y., 1892.
Dwight W. Blakeslee Memorial (New York East Conference), New Haven, Conn., 1905.
Iowa Bible Training School (Des Moines Conference), Des Moines, Iowa, 1899.

HOSPITALS.

Beth-El Deaconess Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Burge Deaconess Hospital, 1327 Jefferson St., Springfield, Mo.
The Ellen B. Flower Deaconess Home and Hospital, 3336 Collingwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio.
Graham Protestant Hospital, Keokuk, Iowa.
The Methodist Episcopal Hospital and Deaconess Home of the State of Indiana, Indianapolis, Ind.
The Methodist Hospital of Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal.
Sibley Memorial Hospital, 1150 N. Capitol Street, Washington, D. C.
Brewster Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla., 1901.

REST HOMES.

Bancroft Rest Home, 74 Cookman Ave., Ocean Grove, N. J.
Caroline Rest Home, Round Lake, N. Y.
Elmira Olney Rest Cottage, Epworth near Ludington, Mich.
Kate Cunningham Rest Cottage, Ridgeview Park, Ridgeview, Pa.
Thompson Rest Home, Mountain Lake Park, Md.
Wing Rest Home, Huntington Beach, Cal.

EMERGENCY HOME.

Methodist Episcopal Emergency Home for Girls, St. Louis, Mo.

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